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Jay Stinson will push off for Hawaii in June.

# Sailor Plans Rainbow Quest As Inspiration for PWAs

Jay Stinson is an extraordinary man. And he would be the first to say he is not.

On June 30, Stinson, a man with AIDS, plans to sail his 37-foot boat, the *Galatea*, in the Transpac Race, from San Francisco to Hawaii. He will be piloting his craft solo, in the grueling two-week race, as a dedication to his many friends who have died of AIDS and as an inspiration to those who have been diagnosed with the

"Project Rainbow Quest: A

Symbol of Hope in Pursuit of a Dream," is Stinson's way of fulfilling his life's dream, while helping people with AIDS to refocus their thinking from a disease orientation to one of meeting life's challenges.

Once he finishes the race in Hawaii, he plans to add two friends to his one-man crew, and ceremoniously dock in Vancouver in time for the Gay

Usually a private person, Stinson decided to go public with his diagnoses, in order to bring his message to other peo-

ple in similar situations.

"When I kept the focus on my disease, I did not feel well," Stinson said. "But since I've started this quest, my T-cells have tripled."

Stinson, 42, was born in Connecticut and moved to Cal-Connecticut and moved to California as soon as he turned 21. He started a men's jewelry business and eventually became a top designer of men's clothing. But by his own admission, even though his life had all the appearance of success, he was an unfulfilled man. unfulfilled man.

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# City AIDS Contracting **Under Fire**

Minorities: We're Being Shut Out

by Dennis Conkin

With almost \$4 million in city AIDS prevention and education contracts up for grabs in fiscal year 1990-91, serious questions are being raised about whether the community-based agencies that provide such services are reaching the high-risk populations that need the information—and whether they are providing quality ser-vices on a cost-effective basis.

"The agencies that are challenged with prevention and education services require far too much money to provide ser-vices that they do not know vices that they do not know how to do or are not interested in," says Brandy Moore, chair of the San Francisco Black Coalition on AIDS. "Men who have sex with men who are peo-ple of color are being underserved."

According to Moore, gays of color are being underserved by minority contractors as well as non-minority contractors.

Moore said the issue was not racism among minority contractors, it's homophobia.

"Brandy's right," said Health Commissioner Naomi Gray. "I really think that gay men are better at educating



Brandy Moore

(Photo: Rink)

people in their own com-munities than somebody else."

"I think it's time for the "I think it's time for the Black Coalition on AIDS to take on the responsibility for educating African-American gay and bisexual men. I think they have the expertise to do that. There will be funds com-

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# HIV 'Vaccine' Begins **Trials at SFGH**

by Michael C. Botkin

A synthetic compound that scientists hope will act as a vac-cine against HIV is beginning phase I clinical trials in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The candidate vaccine, HGP-30, is unique in that it attacks the stable core of HIV in-stead of its rapidly mutating outer coating, and because it is the first such drug that is entirely man-made.

About 24 healthy, HIV-negative volunteers will be in-oculated with the drug, in one of the first research protocols approved by the Food and Drug branch of California's Department of Health instead of the usual federal authority—the

Principal investigator, James Kahn, MD, of San Francisco General Hospital, is quick to correct any reference to HGP-30 as a 'vaccine'.

"It's not a vaccine—it's just a candidate vaccine. We're trying to be very cautious about this. I feel that it's probably five or ten years until we have a vaccine," Kahn said.

The new compound is signifrant because, unlike, 'whole' vaccines made from inactivated HIV, it is artificial and has no potential to infect people with AIDS.

And because it stimulates the immune system to attack one of HIV's core proteins, labeled p17, it should be effective against all strains of HIV, regardless of mutations.

A major concern in develop-ing a vaccine against HIV is that the outer coat of the virus mutates so fast that drugs targeted at proteins in the coat could fail to protect people against all versions of the dis-



Dr. James Kahn

"The discovery [of HGP-30] was fairly serendipitous" Kahn said. "It was found that PWAs had high levels of what was thought to be a thymus-derived protein—what actually turned out to be p17."

The candidate vaccine should stimulate the immune system to remove p17 from the bloodstream, which in turn will

**First of Two Sections** 

# Gay Told to Return Scholarship Cash

by Rex Wockner

Adding a new twist to its anti-gay policies, the Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps is demanding that a \$25,000 scholarship be returned by a college senior who realized he was gay and came out of the closet.

The early March ruling by an ROTC hearing officer came in the case of 25-year-old James Holobaugh, a senior at Washington University in St.

Holobaugh had been an ROTC favorite prior to being blacklisted, appearing in an ROTC national recruitment advertising campaign and performing at the top of his class in St. Louis.

The Department of Defense has not previously asked for scholarship money to be returned unless a particular gay or lesbian lied about his or her sexual

orientation to gain admittance to ROTC programs. DOD policy rejects all homosexuals as unfit for military service.

But in the case of Holobaugh, the hearing officer found no evidence of deceit. Holobaugh was dating women when he entered the ROTC in 1984 and did not realize he was gay until late in 1988. He promptly reported his gayness to ROTC officials.

In retrospect, Holobaugh said it might have been better to sand tringit have been been to sexual orientation a secret, but he added, "I'm also glad I'm not trying to hide anything."

Holobaugh plans to fight the ROTC ruling, with the support of the American Civil Liberties Union and Washington Univer-

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# Senate Narrowly Defeats Anti-Gay D.C. Amendment

by Cliff O'Neill

The U.S. Senate on March 1 narrowly defeated a surprise measure that would have exempted volunteer youth pro-grams from the District of Columbia's stringent gay and les-bian rights law following hours of heated debate and intense behind-the-scenes negotiations.

The anti-gay proposal, introduced the evening of Feb. 28 during debate on the unrelated National and Community Service Bill (S. 1430), was defeated by a razor-thin 47-50 margin when senators refused to table a substitute measure.

The original amendment, sponsored by Sen. William Armstrong (R-Colo.), would have created a loophole in the D.C. Human Rights Code to allow any volunteer organiza-tion that "educates, coaches, or trains any minor, or holds out the adult as a role model, men-tor or companion" to discriminate against gay and bisexual

Calling the Armstrong rider an "ugly amendment," Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif) countered that "Hitler began his persecution and genocide policies by attacking homosexuals. He made them wear a pink star so that no young person could mistake a gay German for a role model," Cranston said. "Next, he went to yellow stars for Jews and the Holocaust followed?"

The successful substitute measure, sponsored by Sen. Ed-ward Kennedy (D-Mass.), instead put the focus on "homo-sexual, bisexual or heterosexu-



Sen. Ted Kennedy

al" convicted and accused child sex-abusers and allowed parents final say on their children's counseling.

After Armstrong's motion to table it was defeated, the substitute rider went on to pass 97-1, with even Armstrong voting for it.

"This is Sen. Armstrong's final year in the Congress and Infair year in the Congress and he's making last-ditch efforts to take down the gay and lesbian community, said Robert Bray, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force public information directions. tor. "What young people need in D.C. is integrity and support, not bigotry and homophobia?"

The landmark vote, the first such vote in the Senate upholding the D.C. lesbian and gay rights law, comes only two weeks after senators over-whelmingly defeated a fiercely anti-gay measure from Sen.

Jesse Helms (R.-N.C.) on the Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

"Having voted against Helms without the world caving in on them, I think now senators realize they can vote against Armstrong; said Greg King, communications director for the Human Rights Cam-paign Fund. 'Although the vote was close, it is better to win than to lose."

Armstrong's unexpected amendment came in response to the resolution of a controversy between D.C. gay and lesbian activists and the local chapter of Big Brothers in which, ending years of contention with the gay community and the D.C. Office of Human Rights, last fall the organizaton repealed its policy of banning gay men from becoming volunteer youth counselors.

"Homosexuality has long been scorned by mainstream people as anti-social and destructive behavior," Arm-strong argued on the Senate floor. "Now, that's not some-thing that just happened in the floor. "Now, that's not some-thing that just happened in the past few years, that's been basically the point of view of traditional thinkers for many centuries. In fact, until quite recently, homosexual behavior was unlawful in most jurisdictions, and in my view, properly

Kennedy, however, argued that, even if such an amend-ment was needed, it shouldn't single out homosexuals and bisexuals.

# Helms Bill Threatens Phone Sex, **Gay Press Advertising Revenues**

by Rex Wockner and Dennis Conkin

About 50 members of Safe Call, a coalition of gay and AIDS activists, civil liberties groups and phone-sex line owners, demonstrated outside the offices of New York Tele-phone March 1 to protest the company's plans to stop billing for "adult" phone services.

The protesters charge that the phone company's decision limits free speech, cuts off safe-sex alternatives and will cause severe damage to the gay and lesbian press, which receives substantial advertising revenues

New York Telephone's move coincides with a rider attached by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) to HR 3566, a House of Representatives appropriations bill. The law prohibits phone companies from allowing unrestricted access to "obscene or indecent" commercial phone service lines as of March 22.

Under Helms' legislation, customers interested in such services must subscribe, requesting that their phones be "unblocked" to dial the "obscene" or "indecent" ser-

The new federal law upholds a ban on indecent 900 and 976 services, restricts minor's access to indecent 900 and 976 programs by requiring the tele-phone company billing for such programs to block them unless



Sen. Jesse Helms

a customer requests access," according to Stephen Maita, a Northern California Pac Bell spokesman.

"As far as what it means for us, our number one goal is to disconnect pornographic pay per call programs altogether.'

According to Maita, sex line providers are appealing a California court ruling that allows Pacific Bell to segregate such services in a 900 area code prefix, block the services unless customers request it and would customers request it and would require the company to do its own billing—through the use of credit cards.

New York Telephone, while offering the subscription option, simultaneously announced that it would no longer bill for any "adult" phone services in order to protect its corporate

Phone sex operators say this move will drive their companies out of business, because they cannot afford the technology to do their own billing and because many phone-sex customers do not have credit cards—the only other billing option.

But the owners say the Helms law alone will also drive them out of business because relatively few people are expected to take the initiative of writing the phone company and requesting access to obscene and indecent phone lines.

Only 22,000 customers wrote such letters after Bell Atlantic blocked access to all group chat lines—adults or not—in 1988 in much of Pennsylvania, Mary-land and the District of Columbia. And Bell Atlantic spokes-man Ken Pitts acknowledged that "there has been a decrease in the number of services behind those blocked exchanges."

"What they essentially want what they essentially want to do is put us completely out of business," charged Kendall Morrison, who owns several New York adult lines and is also the publisher of Outweek magazine.

"It's murderous;" Morrison said. "Phone sex fights AIDS." (Continued on page 20)



Those responsible for the Polk Street death at January re-sentencing.

# 2 Freed in Gay Death Face Charges

by Allen White

Two of three people released in the death of a gay man on Polk Street failed to appear earlier this month in court to face new criminal charges.

Timothy White sits in a Fair-field jail, and there is a bench warrant out for Donny Clanton. With David Rogers they were convicted in the death of John O'Connell as he was leaving a gay bar on Polk Street in 1984.

At their trial, a jury returned verdict of second-degree

murder, a conviction that carries a life sentence. Last November the California State of Appeals reversed the sentences bepeals reversed the sentences be-cause O'Connell died, not from the blows inflicted by the killers, but from the injuries sustained when his head hit the pavement. As a result, the sentence was reduced from second-degree murder to manslaughter.

With their release there had been speculation the three might return to Polk Street to again taunt gays.

All three were to appear on March 1 for what is called a "recomputation of time." Rogers is the only one of three

The three gay bashers had come to San Francisco in 1984 to taunt gays and before the night was over, O'Connell had died from a blow to the head.

O'Connell, a gay man, had been walking home from a Polk Street bar when the incident

# Minors Being Used To Snare Gay Bars

by Allen White

Gay bars across the city that fail to card their customers who may be minors have been hit in a police crackdown on underage drinking.

Teen-age decoys provided by the Police Athletic League enter bars and if they are served alco-hol without being asked to prove that they are at least 21, the bar is issued a citation for serving alcohol to minors.

In recent weeks, citations have been issued to four gay bars on Polk Street, three in the Castro and at least one in the

"This is quite a revelation,"
T.J. Anthony, an aide to Supervisor Richard Hongisto, said.
"We now have our young people committing crimes to stop crimes. Couldn't we serve the people better if we had them help old people across the street?"

Anthony said Hongisto would investigate the situation.

The decoys, according to Dean Rewerts, an investigator

with the Alcoholic Beverage Control board, are all Police Athletic League cadets.

The teen-agers are searched they have no false ID. ABC investigators check each decoy to see that they "look under age."

"My own personal reaction," said Jean Harris, an aide to Supervisor Harry Britt, "is that it is one of entrapment, and I wonder why they're going after lesbian and gay bars. I want to check the reports, and I think if there is actual entrapment in gay bars we want an explanagay bars we want an explana-tion from Chief Frank Jordan. Also, if Commissioner Craig doesn't know about it, she will, and I want her to look into this. I think this is an outrage?

"Conceivably, the city could be liable for substantial damages because those young persons are placed in the role of agents of law enforcement;"
Harris said.

The teen-aged boys and girls (Continued on page 13)

# Cable Car **Awards Doled Out**

by Dennis Conkin

The 16th annual Cable Car Awards ceremony on Saturday, March 3, drew almost 1,500 gays and lesbians in tuxedos and evening gowns—to the Giftcenter Pavilion on Eighth Street for an evening of enter-tainment and awards presentations to individuals honored for their accomplishments and contributions to the gay community in the last year.

Five awards went to Bay Area Reporter contributors. Allen White received the 1990 Cable Car Award for Outstand-Cable Car Award for Outstand-ing Journalist; John Karr for Outstanding Critic; Wayne Fri-day for Outstanding Colum-nist; and Darlene for Outstand-ing Photographer. Staff Art Director Richard Burt received a Board of Directors Award for his special compilizion of the a Board of Directors Award for his special compilation of the photographs of people who have died of AIDS that ap-peared in the Thanksgiving 1989 issue of the Bay Area Re-

Hosted by co-chairs of the event, Bob Cramer, Hydie Downard, KPIX-TV reporter Hank Plante and KQED-TV moderator Ginger Casey, the gala event also featured entertainment by the Walter Hoster Case and the control of th tainment by the Walter Hawkins Family, The Arcadia Body Building Society, Olivia Records, the Flag Corps and

The Cable Car award nominees are selected by nominating committees and the Board of Directors makes the final selection in awards not chosen in general balloting. In addition, the Board of Directors gave 13 special awards.

Public voting occurs in Public voting occurs in several categories, including Outstanding Entertainer, Com-ic, AIDS Fundraiser, Commu-nity Event, Athletic Competi-tion, Theme Promotion, and Journalism.



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# HIV WATEH

# Capitalism and AIDS

by Michael C. Botkin

ow is the fight against AIDS influenced by the various economic systems of the world? Last week I focused on the communist (and recently ex-communist (and socialist countries. Overall, the commies flunked royally, and the socialists outdid the United States in prevention and access States in prevention and access to care but lagged behind us in medical research. This week, the second article of this three-week series, I'll focus on the United States.

The United States is the leader in cutting-edge medical research on AIDS. In part, this is because we were the first Western country hard-hit by the disease. It is also at least partly because we are a very rich country—poorer capitalist countries like Brazil, despite their free-wheeling market systems, are doing very little research.

And to some degree it's because this country is hung-up on a high-tech, high-cost ap-proach to medicine that slights prevention and healthy living and focuses on expensively pat-ching up rich folks when they get sick.

For example, there is ample evidence that industrial pollution causes most cancer. But instead of curtailing toxic dump-ing in our air and water, which Bush, the wannabe-environ-mentalist president, fears would limit profits, we focus on billion-dollar research to treat this mostly preventable disease.

We know high-blood pressure and smoking cause heart disease, but instead of seriously promoting healthy living, we spend billions developing artificial hearts.

And although we know that condoms stop HIV, the government prefers to spend money on bone-marrow transplants for AIDS and refuses to spend a penny promoting condoms.

# Profit First

While the competition for a big payoff fuels the drive for new AIDS treatments, it pushes research toward profitable treatments instead of effective treatments. There are many examples of potentially effective treatments that are overlooked because no one can find a way

to make money off of them.

Last week I reported on the roadblock in passive immuno-therapy (a.k.a. PATH) trials. PATH is the only treatment that produces dramatic improve-ment in people already serious-ly ill from HIV. But because MediCorp holds the patent, no one else is willing to fund research. Why should they, when MediCorp will reap all the benefits from their expen-sive work?

Dr. Conant has an approved protocol and can't get money to fund it. MediCorp has the patent but no approval. While the capitalists squabble over the potential profits, PWAs are dying.

Many corporations doubt that PATH is patentable at all and therefore aren't interested. In fact, they aren't interested in In fact, they aren't interested in anything that can't be patented because if you don't have a patent, you don't have a monopoly, and if you don't have a monopoly, how are you going to make the mega-bucks necessary to recover the astronomical cost of developing these miracle

Wall Street analysts point out that Burroughs-Wellcome's im-mense profits from AZT have heightened interest in developing treatments for HIV. Every AIDS activist in the country is AIDS activist in the country is aware that Burroughs taught the industry a mixed lesson—yes, you can make the bucks, but you need a tight monopoly and a bit of price gouging, both of which the federal govern-ment will tolerate for such a good cause

## Lack of Interest

Where the potential for money and/or glory is too small, the industry has no interest. Thus, a few days after the est. Thus, a few days after the researchers announced the successful conclusion of phase I (toxicity) trials for rCD-4, the major manufacturer announceed they were dropping their investigation of this drug.

The stuff is the product of The stuff is the product of very expensive, state-of-the-art biotechnology. The trials showed that HIVers can tolerate large doses of rCD-4, and also suggested that they will need large amounts of it to get any benefit from it. Out came the calculates home cost of do calculators—hmm, cost of development, plus cost of production may be double what we estimated, plus cost of intravenous administrative shit, we'll never make anything off of this stuff! Another project shit-canned—and the potential for saving lives never entered the equation.

The lack of profitability may also explain the lack of official interest in any herbal treatment, interest in any neroal treatment, from Compound Q on down to marijuana. The only people who get to gouge the consumer for herbs are trendy health food stores. Savvy customers buy in bulk, from buyers clubs, or grow the stuff in their back-yards—why should Burroughs yards—why should Burroughs spend millions proving the effectiveness of treatment you can grow in your window-box? If they won't spend the money, who will? Only the people whose lives are on the line, and frankly we're being milked so heavily by the mainstream medical profession that we don't have much left over to fund groups like Project Inform/Community Research Alliance. Alliance.

This brings me to the insurance companies. I try to avoid writing about the (Continued on page 19)

# **AIDS Briefs**

# 367 AIDS Cases in Contra Costa

The quarterly report of HIV/AIDS statistics just released by the County Health Department's AIDS Program reveals that, as of the end of 1989, 367 Contra Costa residents have been diagnosed with AIDS. The report also indicates that of those, 4,532 people who were tested anonymously or confidentially through the county's Alternative Test Sites, STD clinics and County clinics, 132 (3 percent) tested positive for HIV. The report projects a total of 855 AIDS cases in Contra Costa County by 1994. The Contra Costa County AIDS Program offers a range of services including support groups for those affected by AIDS, case management for AIDS/ARC patients, prevention education and three drop-in alternative test sites for people who tested free and anonymously for HIV.

# **AZT Approved for Early Intervention**

The Food and Drug Administration has approved new labeling for zidovudine, or AZT, to include people who are infected with the AIDS virus but have not yet developed the full-scale disease, HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan, M.D., announced on March 2. The expanded labeling reflects the results of two studies spored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases that indicate the drug slows the progression of the disease when used at early stages of infection. The action follows recent agency approval of a new lower dose for zidovudine, and the sanctioning of a treatment IND protocol that allows widespread distributions. approval of a few lower does for Eudovalune, and the sanctioning of a treatment IND protocol that allows widespread distribution of the drug to children at advanced stages of infection with the AIDS virus. Zidovudine can inhibit the production of red blood cells, requiring treatment for anemia. The drug can also reduce white blood cell counts to the extend that the drug's use

# **HIV-Negatives Needed for Study**

A research study on HIV-negative gay men in San Francisco is seeking research subjects, the confidential questionnaire will be mailed to respondents and takes about one half hour to complete. The study is being conducted by Rachel Schochet, MFCC, Ph.D candidate. For more information call 621-4353.



# Health Calendar

### FRIDAY

AIDS Mastery: A loving, supportive and empowering work-shop providing practical tools to cope with the AIDS epi-demic begins Mar. 9 at 8 p.m. Open to all. 626-8177.

Transformational Medicine: A public lecture by Leonard
Laskow M.D. exploring the scientific advances of modern
medicine in the context of traditional healing techniques,
Mar. 9-11. California Institute of Integral Studies: 753-6100.

Face to Face, Sonoma County AIDS Network Advocate Train ing: Support volunteer training will be on two consecutive weekends, Mar. 16-18 & 23-25; Fridays, 7-10 p.m., Satur-days & Sundays, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Community Hospital, 3325 Chanate, Santa Rosa. Pre-registration: 887-1581.

Veterans Affairs AIDS Volunteer Training: Visit patients at the Ft. Miley VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement, for a minimun two hours a week for six months. Anyone age 18+ welcome. Home care volunteers also needed. Social Work Service: 750-2044 or Voluntary Service: 750-2144.

HIV+ Potluck: 7:30 p.m. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF

Young Lesbian Rap Group: For those 23 and under. Meets Fridays, 7-9 p.m., ending April 6. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

Young Gay Men's Rap Group: For those 23 and under. Meets Fridays, 7-9 p.m. This is a non-therapy rap group conceived and conducted by gay & bisexual young men. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

The Tranquility Zone—Stress Hardiness for the '90s: Sabrina Braham's, MA, MFCC, workshop on identifying and combating stress on Mar. 11, 2-5 p.m. Unity Christ Church, 2690 19th Ave., SF. 566-4122.

Women With Wings-In Constant Motion: For women with HIV. Alternate Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sliding scale. SF location. 695-1254.

Recovery Team: 1:30 p.m. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

Women's Clinic: Call at 8:30 a.m. for same day appointment. Pap smears, STD, bladder & pregnancy testing. Health care by and for women. Berkeley Free Clinic, 548-2570.

### SUNDAY

Afternoon Tea: Come play games & socialize, 2-7 p.m. For PWA/PWARC/PWHIVs. Free. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 621-REST.

Men's Clinic: Free & confidential VD testing and treatment for gonorrhea, syphilis, NGU, scabies, lice, vernereal warts, etc. AIDS/ARC counseling and referrals. 6-8 p.m. Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 644-0425.

Support Group for Older Gay Men (60+): Every Monday, 7-9 p.m. 1853 Market St., SF. GLOE, 626-7000.

HIV+ Support Groups—Hayward & Tri-Valley Areas: A variety of emotional support groups for PWAs, HIV+s, friends, families & lovers. A safe place to share your feelings. Meets every Monday and Wednesday. 887-0566.

## TUESDAY

Free Drop-In Group for Gay Men with Drug/Alcohol Problems: Every Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. Operation Concern, 1853 Mar-ket, SF. 626-7000.

Lesbian Psychotherapy Group: 5:30-7 p.m. Operation Concern, 1853 Market, SF. Call 626-7000 for appointment.

Ministry of Light's Gay Men's Support Group: Beginning in

Marin County on Mar. 13 at 7 p.m. 653-2134.

Asian Gay Men's Support Group: 6:30-8 p.m. The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 548-8283.

AIDS Satellite Television Network: Wednesday, Mar. 14 topics: Mycobacterium Avium-Intracelluae & Women and HIV Infection. Programs viewed at Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center. 923-3440.

Moving Towards Life: A cancer self-care program based on the use of visualization, movement and the creative process by Anna Halprin with Jamie McHugh. Wednesdays until Apr. 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tamalpa Institute, Kentfield: 461-9479.

AIDS/HIV Drop-In Group for Asians/Pacific Islanders: Weekly, 6-7:30 p.m., for information, support and referral. Con-ducted in English, Cantonese and Mandarin. Free. Asian AIDS Project, 300 4th St., Suite 401, SF.

Crack Rap: Weekly, 9-10 a.m., with peer counselor Lawrence Miller. Crack detox also available. Tenderloin Self-Help Center, 191 Golden Gate Ave., SF. 554-0518.

Care Partners Support Group: For those caring for people with AIDS or other life threatening illnesses. 7:30-9 p.m. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 861-4434.

Power in the Subtlety of Touch: Judith McKinnon, McKinnon Institute founder, demonstrates the Subtle Touch method of bodywork for the release of emotional/physical trauma. Mar. 15, 7-9 p.m. \$3-6. Planetree, 2040 Webster, SF. 923-3680.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic: 6:15, 7 & 7:45 p.m. every Thursday. Free 45 min. private session with an attorney on benefits, COBRA and insurance problems. AIDS Legal Referral Panel, 24 Hickory/Van Ness, SF. 864-8186.

AIDS Family Project: Daytime support group for friends, family & lovers of people with AIDS/ARC/HIV concerns—beginning mid-March. 10 week commitment. Thursdays, 2:30-4 p.m. Ken or Kathy, 626-7000.

# **Wasting Syndrome Treatments** Begin Trials at SF General

### by Michael C. Botkin

Two new treatments for the wasting syndrome that often accompanies advanced HIV disease, megace and dietary fatty acid, are being tested at San Francisco General Hospital. However, some trials may be in danger of losing their funding and being discontinued because of failure to recruit enough sub-

Megace, a treatment for weight loss in cancer patients, has yet to be approved specifi-cally for treating similar losses caused by HIV. Megace is similar to a female hormone, and appears to boost the appetite. It is frequently prescribed by doctors for PWAs but has never had its effectiveness scientifically confirmed.

Richard Clinton, a recruiter for a megace trial at SFGH, reports that research is being hampered by a lack of subjects, although many people are already using megace.

"Many physicians prescribe megace without bothering to refer patients to the clinical trials," Clinton said. "Although the drug isn't officially approved for AIDS, it's available by

prescription and they believe it works. The problem is, if no one ever enters a trial we never find out how well it really works for people with HIV.

Dr. Marc Hellerstein, one of the scientists conducting the study, acknowledges some drawbacks to participating in trials but believes that they are still a good deal for many peo-

"Megace does cause impotence in some people, but some people don't mind this and not everyone experiences (Continued on page 16)

# AIDS Addressed At Writers Conference

### by Michael C. Botkin

Nearly 1,100 gay and lesbian writers attended a panel discus-sion of "AIDS and the Respon-sibility of the Writer" at the Out/Write '90 conference, held last weekend at the Cathedral Hill Hotel in San Francisco.

The panel was the first event of the conference following the keynote address by Judy Grahn and Allen Ginsberg.

The speakers described frustration at the difficulties in adequately discussing AIDS and, along with the audience, showed little support for any attempts to censor words or behavior as part of the struggle against HIV.

"There is no existing vocabulary for discussing

AIDS," novelist Sarah Schulman said.

"The canons (standards) that now exist can't deal with AIDS;" writer John Preston said. "The stories are simply too overwhelming. If you stick with a sanon, it becomes clumto the canon, it becomes clum-sy melodrama."

Pat Califia, author of Macho Sluts and sex adviser for the Advocate, cautioned against the censorship of "unsafe" acts from personal ads.

"Censorship just doesn't work. It leaves a hole in the discourse. I think closing the bathouses will be judged to have been a big mistake—but who am I to argue with the reformed glory hole queens;"

she said to a roar of applause and approval.

Califia also warned that intravenous drug use was the main route of AIDS transmission among lesbians, "but we

Preston warned that discussion of "responsibility" often lead to "weird propaganda production."

The Out/Write conference was part of what appears to be a sudden renaissance of les-bian/gay literature and literary conferences. A small con-ference was held in Santa Cruz, and major conferences arfe planned in Los Angeles in April and in New York in June.



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# EDITORIAL

# Judge Lillian Sing

he Bay Area Reporter has supported and endorsed Lillian Sing since she first ran for the Community College Board many years ago. This paper actively lobbied for her appointment as a Municipal Court judge and has supported her ever since she was appointed.

Lillian Sing is probably the most people-oriented judge in San Francisco. She is an intelligent, well-prepared, hardworking and fair-minded dispenser of justice. To enter Lillian Sing's courtroom is to witness a judge who treats the people appearing before her with respect, dignity and compassion

Prior to serving on the bench in San Francisco, Lillian Sing was very involved with the Chinese community and mainstream San Francisco as well. She was a founding member of Chinese for Affirmative Action, a Human Rights commissioner, a Civil Service commissioner and served as president of the Chinese American Democratic Club. She also served as president of the San Francisco Community College Governing Board.

While most judges tend to isolate themselves from community affairs, Judge Sing continues to be active in community services. She feels that keeping involved helps her to maintain a good outlook and not become narrow-minded. She believes that her civic works help to hone her skills as a compassionate jurist. She maintains a hectic personal schedule as a board member of various groups and agencies, guest speaker at many civic functions as well as keeping a home and raising two children.

Judge Sing states, "I'm Chinese, a woman, born in another country, familiar with what being an immigrant newcomer is like, and all this background gives me a better understanding and a passion for protecting people's civil rights. That's what the U.S. Constitution and the 'American Dream' are all about.''

She has served on the bench since 1981 and was the first Asian woman judge in the history of Northern California. She was named "Trial Judge of the Year" in 1988. This is one of the highest honors to be bestowed by a bar association. In 1989 she served as presiding judge of the Municipal Court, elected unanimously by her peers. She has traveled extensively in China and has lectured on the U.S. judicial system. The judge spearheaded San Francisco's first judicial forum, "Access to Justice;" attended by many of the city's judges as well as over 600 citizens.

We are pleased to join with the diversity of the many supporters of Judge Lillian Sing; among them are Board President Harry Britt, Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, District Attorney Arlo Smith and Public Defender Jeff Brown, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, Municipal Court Presiding Judge Choppelas and Superior Court Presiding Judge Ollie Marie Victoire.

As you can see, Judge Sing has earned the respect of her peers as well as her community. We urge all our readers to support her in her bid for re-election. We proudly endorse her.



Judge Lillian Sing

# GUEST OPINION

# Gay Games IV in San Francisco

fter reading the latest New York Native concerning the possibilities for the next Gay Games, I am at a loss to undertand why San Francisco is not even considering it. The article indicated that there were three cities presently "competing" for the honor: Mexico City, The Hague and New York City. I couldn't even imagine Mexico City, a Catholic country, with probably the worst conditions for anything. The Hague is too small, with no grass roots athletic organizations, tourist accommodations, or facilities. That leaves New York by default.

I wonder if anyone on the Gay Games Executive board is aware of the political situation in New York. (Is there anyone on the board from the East Coast?)

Our people in New York just broke their asses electing Dinkins, who promptly turned his back on us by appointing a "quarantine" health commissioner, and downgraded the gay/lesbian liaison

The pope just appointed another Irish homophobe (Dailey) as bishop of Brooklyn, who makes Cardinal O'Connor look like Glinda, the good witch of the north.

Gov. Mario Cuomo will be gearing up his re-election campaign and trying to hold on to the "ethnic" voters.

We won't be fighting non-intellectual fundamentalist homophobes in New York City, we will be fighting the all powerful Catholic and Orthodox Jewish establishments.

I personally would love for the games to go to New York. I am from there, I competed for them in Gay Games I, and get back many times a year. However, I have my reservations about choosing a site by default.

Our community is besieged from within with the AIDS crisis, and from the outside by both religious and political zealots. Gay Games is something we must continue as a legacy to our future as a community.

The experience of Vancouver has frightened many cities, and rightly so (without our help, they came very close to blowing it). To award the next site to New York solely by default would be another gamble. Why are we in such a rush to be grandiose and so international? Eventually, it will be, and must be, but now is not the time.

The Executive Committee should retrench itself, award the next site to San Francisco, where there is no doubt that a superb job could be done, and concentrate the next four years on properly developing alternate sites, so that there is a choice.

Right now, only San Francisco has the expertise, the breadth of grass roots athletic organizations, the political support, and the experience to do it. The Executive Committee should be using this resource in developing other cities.

In four years San Francisco will have a refurbished Kezar Stadium. What better way to christen it, than to launch a truly international Gay Games movement that will have been well planned?

-Gene Dermody

# LETTERS

## Homosexuals In The Military

\* The United States Supreme Court has again refused to hear arguments that U.S. citizens who happen to be homosexual, may serve in the military forces of the country. This is the third time in recent years the court has refused to hear cases on this matter.

It is now time for the president to act in behalf It is now time for the president to act in behalf of some ten percent of the population of the country who are gay/lesbian. President Bush could issue an executive order banning discrimination against homosexual persons in the military forces of the country. President Harry Truman issued such an order in the late 1940s ending discrimination against Blacks in the military.

I am appealing to the bishops and legislative I am appealing to the oisnops and registative bodies in the Episcopal Church to ask the president, who is an Episcopalian, to issue such an executive order so that justice may be done to homosexual persons who want to serve their country.

The military has not one scrap of evidence that allowing openly gay/lesbian persons into the armed forces will hamper discipline, good order and morale. That is pure assumption on the part of homophobic military leaders. They have never had the opportunity to see gay/lesbian persons work together with straight personnel in war or

Now is the time to work for full inclusion of all citizens, who wish to serve, into the military system. For the first time in many years, the threat of war is diminished by the dismantling of power in the Service Union. in the Soviet Union.

It is time to turn from conventional wisdom that results in prejudice to freedom and justice in the military for all citizens of the country.

Rev. Robert W. Cromey, Rector Trinity Episcopal Church San Francisco

### Let's See the Real Picture

\* A great hoax is being played on the commu-nity in the guise of an "Emperor" and "Em-press"—Jerry Coletti and Pat Montclaire. According to an article in the San Francisco Chronicle, these individuals have spent \$200,000 this year on the great spectacle of a cornation and \$100,000 last year. They have purported to have "helped raise" \$150,000 for AIDS organizations

Well, according to my calculator, they have spent \$300,000 in order to "help" raise \$150,000. That's a LOSS of \$150,000!!! They did not raise the \$150,000—they only assisted.

However, they would have us all believe that they are saints in raising by their little ol' selves that amount of money. In reality, the Court System, according to the recent B.A.R. article, only raised \$22,000 this year. And pray tell, where did that all go?

I know that this \$300,000 is Coletti's personal funds. However, when somebody goes around town drumming up publicity and falsely stating that they have personally raised this amount of money, this just isn't right. Mr. Coletti's \$300,000 can be used for so many wonderful purposes, not just buying "thousands of dollars of furs, Bat-man productions, bejeweled dresses and outfits that make Mr. Coletti look fatter than the Pillsbury dough boy. Spending this amount of money on something as frivolous as this in this day when so many people need assistance is horrible.

There is a big difference between "raising" \$150,000 in one year and "helping" raise \$150,000!! Their help was in getting publicity for themselves and an organization that continues to make the gay community look bad to the straight world. It's downright embarrassing! The court system spends thousands of dollars a year on their outfits and leads us all to believe that they are doing so much good and raising so much money.

Perhaps it is time the community got a real ac-counting of the Court's expenditures—after all they are a non-profit organization and always bragging how much they raise and give. Let's see the real picture. I think we'll see a real hoax has been played on the community for many, many years-and I for one think it is time to stop.

Hans Anderson San Francisco

## **Apology Requested**

This letter was sent to Norman F. Bruce, managing editor of the Gaybook:

We, the Steering Board of Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, were greatly disturbed in finding the following paragraph in the article, "Exploring Oahu," which was published in GAYBOOK, Winter 1990:

Despite the crowds, increasing prostitution, proliferation of Japanese tourists and overabundance of Mickey Mouse T-shirt vendors catering to them, Waikiki still remains one of the most fascinating people-watching strips in the nation."

We are distressed that author Madison Kane

found it necessary to single out specific groups of the crowds that frequent Waikiki as particularly adverse to his people-watching pleasures. In particular, we are offended by his characterization of Japanese tourists as having a displeasing effect on his enjoyment of Waikiki. Doesn't Kane know that Japanese-Americans comprise about one-third of the population of Hawaii? Doesn't Kane realize that Japanese tourists are welcomed by most who reside in Hawaii, both because of their contributions to the economy and because of common cultural roots?

We are also disturbed that the editors of GAYBOOK did not recognize this characteriza-GAYBOOK did not recognize this characteriza-tion as a form of racism directed toward an ethnic group. We, Gay Asians and Pacific Islanders, must constantly be vigilant that the lesbian and gay community, of which we are a part, under-stand that racism is as offensive to us as homo-phobia. We hope that you understand that we cannot overlook this error in journalism and must request that the publishers of GAYBOOK take steps to remedy this injury.

Therefore, we respectfully request that you issue a public apology to the Japanese, to Japanese-Americans, to the Asian Pacific Com-munity, and to your gay lesbian brothers and sisters who are of Asian Pacific origins. We also request that the books presently being distributed on Castro Street in San Francisco and anywhere else be removed from distribution immediately.

Rafael Chang Co-Chaikrs, GAPA

### **Apology Delivered**

★ Dear Mr. Chang:

Thank you for your recent letter and comments regarding the "Exploring Oahu," article in the Gaybook.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend an apology for statement (s) appearing in the aforementioned article, which reflect negatively on members of the Japanese and/or Asian community. This article represents one person's view and observations as a resident of Hawaii. It was intended as an informative, behind-the-scenes: guide for would-be travelers to the island of Waikiki.

Moreover, the author would like to express her deepest apologies to anyone who felt hurt, ridiculed or offended by the article. The author did not intend for the article to be taken in a negative light and was merely pointing out that so many Japanese tourists become victims after falling prey to Waikiki consumerism.

Ms. Kane is a long-standing resident of Hawaii, aware of the vast contributions made by Japanese tourists and does not feel in any way that Japanese tourists are a displeasure to her enjoyment of the island.

Thank you again for your comments.

Norman F. Bruce Managing Editor/The GAYBOOK

## Anger With the INS

\* There are many people engaging in much hand-wringing and gnashing of teeth over the threat of violence at June's International AIDS Conference. We know that, regardless of any change in U.S. immigration policy, there will be many justifiably angry people in San Francisco

Money for AIDS has been far too slow in coming. Pharmaceutical companies seem to be price-gouging. State health insurance is inadequate. It is rumored that the militant ACT UP New York has already bought a large number of delegate badges and is threatening to cause more trouble than they did in Montreal at last year's con-

San Francisco is justifiably proud of its cooperative response to AIDS. Perhaps we can find pro-active ways of dealing with the hurt. On June 21, the SF Interreligious Coalition on AIDS is sponsoring an event at Grace Cathedral to celebrate the life that is evident in this epidemic. It will be an opportunity for healing. Perhaps other coalitions could sponsor events within their venue that would promote dialogue and mending.

Bob Nelson Chair, SF Interreligious Coalition on AIDS



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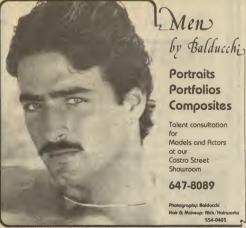
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# LETTERS

# The Ultimate Insensitivity

Regarding the article in B.A.R. concerning gays harassing gay neighbors:

★ To John Pillin and Steve Smith:

How insensitive can you get! It's enough to pick on someone, but not on someone who can't fight back. Don't you have anything better to do in your spare time than make abusive phone calls to an AIDS patient, or behave mockingly of his

As individuals who are part of the gay commu-nity, your actions speak very loudly to non-gay individuals. Your actions strike me more as actions of a right-wing reactionary group

As a gay collective, we have been well-acquainted with oppression, so that it should increase our consciousness for sensitivity regarding all humankind.

We need to pull together. We need to return to an age of love and mutual caring.

Michael Quintal San Francisco

# Apologies to KTVU-TV

I have been a member of ACT UP/San Francisco from its inception

It pains me to write this letter, but ACT UP must learn some lessons.

must learn some lessons.

At the Monday, Feb. 19 demonstration against the Traditional Values Coalition (TVC), an unfortunate incident occurred. Television reporter, Betty Anne Bruno of KTVU-TV, Channel 2, Oakland, was interviewing a member of the TVC on camera. All of a sudden, a group of demonstrators, security people and others surrounded the reporter, camera man and the subject being interviewed. Someone jostled the camera man; he turned, shouting angrily. The interviewer moved away and the interview was over terviewer moved away and the interview was over.

The point is, the TVC woman being interviewed was giving information we needed

The right to a free press was abridged and

Having been a member of the media for years and a press aide to groups and candidates, I am

I did later call the KTVU-TV News producer and apologized for the disruption and the news report turned out not as bad as it could have been.

Sheldon Ramsdell

## Tired of Non-Gay Soliciting

★ I have heard many folks in our gay community complain about the excessive panhandling on Castro Street. I, too, am tired of it (even though one of my best friends is "houseless.") But what outrages me even more, are all these political non-gay organizations inundating The Castro with their booths, tables, donations and petition re-quests. My bone of contention is not against the good causes they represent, but the fact that nowhere in their fliers do they include any men-tion (whatsoever) of how their groups also incorporate gay rights as part of their agenda

It sickens me to think of these potentially homophobic organizations draining the already financially overburdened and medically/political-Internating overountered and medicaryly pointear-ly endangered lesbian/gay community. If they don't include a statement of unequivocal support for their sisters and brothers of same-sex persua-sion, then I refuse to give them any money, signatures or even the time of day...and make it clear to them exactly why, before walking off.

clear to them exactly why, before walking off. On Feb. 25, at the "Uhuru House" table in front of Bank of America, I told the white woman that I first wanted to see a flier explaining how Uhuru House, an organization for black people's rights, includes support for black lesbians and gays. As expected, there was no such flier. I told her that "when I see that flier on your table, I'll give you a big hug and \$10." At that point, she really flew off the handle, shouting me down with accusations that I am anti-black accusations that I am anti-black.

I urge all pro-lesbian/gay supporters to first take the time (as I do) to question these solicitors regarding support of lesbians and gays...before plunking down a donation or signing a petition. You will be surprised at how much anti-gay hatred spews from some of their mouths! Hopefully, a united effort from the lesbian/gay community can eradicate homophobic solicitors from our neighborhood.

Gene Catalano

# Another Down... and Counting!

★ With the demise of the Barbary Coasters M/C, at one time one of the largest and most influential clubs, who will be next? The Barbary Coasters announced their dissolvement at the end of the Annual Motorcycle Awards ceremony on Feb. 24. The Force Five M/C just officially gave up the ghost last month.

There are now only a half-dozen that are active, i.e., have weekend runs and in-town events. Most of the members of these "motorcycle" clubs don't even have motorcycles. Many of the members are actively involved in the "court" system, i.e., drag and ego trips.

What's happening? Originally these clubs came into existence to foster brotherhood and en courage participation in safe motorcycling. That was 25 years ago.

was 25 years ago.

Today, it's a different story. One of the reasons for this decline is the lack of new blood, i.e., men under the age of 30. Another factor, of course, is AIDS. All of the clubs have lost members as a result of AIDS.

The leather community is still surviving in San Francisco. In fact, leather seems to be more in vogue than ever (witness the extent of leather-clad men in the Castro).

I suspect, although I was not involved back then, that the "clubs" originally evolved as a then, that the "clubs originally evolved as a defense mechanism since they were not part of mainstream gay life. They were involved in motorcycling, leather and S&M. Now that this defense is no longer necessary, the "clubs" no longer have any reason for existing. Certainly not for the Barbary Coasters Motorcycle Awards.

Rich Demarest

### Kovick Cartoon Objectionable

★ While I am fully aware of the tenuous nature of effective political satire, I have to admit that Kris Kovick's cartoon (B.A.R., Feb. 15) was wholly mean-spirited and downright offensive to all the men and women who are in recovery.

While the entire concept of "Reparative Therapy" for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals is disgusting, homophobic and deadly, there is no justification for Kovick's bastardization of the 12-step model of recovery from addiction in her 'cartoon'

There are a great deal of men and women who are now healthy, clean and sober dealing with their sexuality (and self-esteem) in a healthy, positive manner as a direct result of their involvement in a 12-step program.

Kovick's cartoon is nothing short of an attack on everyone in recovery.

The mere notion that there is something "brain-washing" about the 12-step program belies Kovick's lack of sensitivity, compassion and understanding of the nature of addiction and recovery.

In an age where we are disempowered by the world-at-hand, especially because of our sexuali-ty, Kovick chooses to vent her (appropriate) anger at our "enemies" through a cartoon which in turn is riddled with hatred and misunderstanding.

Kovick owes all those men and women in recovery an apology. Immediately,

Mike Shriver Community Liaison 18th St. Services San Francisco

# Cartoon in Poor Taste

\* I object to the cartoon of Kris Kovick, "Reparative Therapy," which appeared in your Feb. 16 issue and which depicts the "treatment" of homosexuality through 12 steps of A.A., which Versick presponses. Kovick paraphrases.

The cartoon is vicious, tasteless and inflative. If any group has helped our gay and lesbian com-munities to live and die in this time of several health crises, AIDS and cancer foremost among them, it has been A.A. which has not judged our lives harshly nor homophobically.

I suppose it was inevitable that sooner or later our community would have its own Joan Rivers. It is just sad, I think really sad, that we still use humor as a weapon in a time when we need all the healing we can get from its more compassionate focus. Tacky that B.A.R. dignifies it with an editorial slot.

Mab Maher

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# LETTERS

### Bingo is Beautiful

\* My thanks to your newspaper and reporter Mary Richards for the wonderful article on the Coming Home Hospice Bingo. I would like to clarify that we are an independent AIDS charity that leases the basement hall at the Holy Redeemer Church. Whereas we are very grateful to the church for its accommodations, we are not a church-administered bingo.

Again, my thanks for the article. It accurately described the special atmosphere many of us experience every Thursday night at 100 Diamond St.

Michael Priddy Coming Home Hospice Bingo

## B.A.R. Doing a Great Job

★ We of Skiiers and Gay Athletes of Northern California want to take this opportunity to acknowledge your newspaper for an outstanding job of keeping the gay community informed. We also want to thank you for including SAGA North Ski Club trips and events in your announcements of sports-related activities.

Thank you again for your continued support and your contribution to our gay community.

Robert W. Bolton Secretary, SAGA North San Francisco

### I'm Sorry

The following is a testimony to the death of Mr. David E. Koerner.

\* I've had a lot of time to think about what I've done. The pain and anguish haunt me daily. Although convicted of the crime of manslaughter, I am not a criminal. I look down at these hands and cannot conceive that they are capable of inflicting pain or injury to a living thing. These are not the hands that robbed the life of a human being, especially the life of a friend!

Whatever my sentence, I will serve my time. It cannot compare with the life sentence of guilt and remorse that I must serve the rest of my life to live with a memory that bars cannot confine nor freedom can erase. All I can say is that I'm sorry! And ask forgiveness.

Lyle E. Julius San Quentin State Prison Tamal, CA

# 'Faggot Trash'

★ Drawing from my nearly 40 years "out of the closet," (I am almost 60) I can honestly say that I have never read a more inflammatory, hatefilled, militant piece of "faggot trash" than Dave Ford's "Straight Hate" (B.A.R., March 1).

To quote from it, in order to make my point, would only give more circulation to his divisive, anti-straight bigotry.

anti-straight bigotry.

Suffice it to say, had the likes of him been around during the early days of San Francisco's gay (we proudly used the word "homosexual" then) scene in the early to mid '50s, we would have been "tarred and feathered" and "run out of town on a rail"—and quite properly so!

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Perhaps Dave Ford should follow his own advice, which he so freely dispenses to those "straights" who might not like all that they see on Ford's "turf": ". . . .get the fuck out. . ."

Kenneth Raymond San Francisco

# Stop Bashing Cranston

★ For Wayne Friday it's a popular stand, bashing Sen. Cranston for his alleged role in the Lincoln Savings & Loan collapse. But Friday's column is polluted with allegations he tries to pass as fact and implications that our senator pocketed those campaign funds when, in fact, he did not. Friday may have jumped on the bandwagon, but he has surely missed the boat by failing to put this incident into perspective.

I believe strongly that Sen. Cranston was playing the same game every other elected official must play in Washington, D.C. to get campaign funds. It is the system that is at fault here, not the player. And yet, it is that very system, which allows the gay community, as a minority group, opportunity to pass legislation which the general public surely would not, at this time in history strong.

The Cranston campaign was the recipient of those funds and it used them for the largest voter

registration drive in California, a drive which benefitted the entire Democratic Party by increasing Democratic turnout. It was the same election in 1986 that gave the gay community a victory over Proposition 96.

I am still proud and grateful to Sen. Cranston. For it is Sen. Cranston who has supported or sponsored in the Senate every major bill that has benefitted the homosexual community. It also was Sen. Cranston who worked as minority and then majority whip to crush many of Helms' countless anti-gay measures. For 17 years he has taken unpopular stands against the oppression of an easy target: gays and lesbians. I believe we owe him at least a chance to explain his actions. Friday already has tried, convicted and hung Cranston and is looking among countless opportunists for his replacement.

Perhaps Friday should remember the friend we have in Alan Cranston before he seeks someone less influential and less supportive to replace him.

Senator Cranston, you always will have my support, my gratitude and my vote!

Daniel Aiello San Francisco

### Who Benefitted

★ The fifth "Men Behind Bars" was as good this year as it has been in the past. The show was billed as a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund, the Shatti Project and the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts.

If, as rumor has it, the show cost close to \$100,000 to produce and the profit was only \$5,000, who benefitted?

Of course the show was a wonderful morale booster for the entire community but will the general public be able to see a final accounting for this production?

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Howard Morgan San Francisco

### God Help Us

★ The lifestyle of gay and lesbian people is under attack on many levels. The Supreme Court decides that it will let stand the discrimination that our military practices against us. Sen. Jesse Helms continues his assault on our lifestyle. Lloyd Mashore and many other religious fundamentalists continue their attacks.

The anti-discrimination law in San Francisco that helps to protect us is presently being tested in the courts and there is a strong possibility that we could lose the court challenge.

There is a dramatic increase in physical violence against us. Some of us have been murdered and in one case the courts say that the murderers didn't mean to do it and released them from prison

Even our resorts are having pressure applied to them to close down. While the threat to us grows daily what do we hear from our "great leader" Harry Britt? Nothing at all pertaining to the above matters. Harry is very concerned with traffic problems. He wants to close a portion of Market Street to vehicular traffic.

How much longer must we endure this man? When are we going to have some leadership? This is not a simple matter of politics—our very existence is being challenged. Do we have to storm City Hall and force him to address these issues telling us what he intends to do about them?

Harry Britt and the rest of his political cronies are way past their time—they are men of the '70s. As we begin the decade of the '90s we cry for aggressive, dynamic leadership and have no leadership at all.

It is long past time that the likes of Harry Britt, Ron Braithwaite, Richmond Young, etc., passed into history. I pray that it isn't already too late for the change to do us any good.

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# Feinstein's Dramatic Comeback

by Wayne Friday

Dianne Feinstein, fired by her own campaign manager late last year, because he said she was not "serious" about her campaign, ignored by her Democratic opponent as being "irrelevant," and written off by political observers only months ago, has taken

a commanding and perhaps insurmountable lead in the race for her party's gubernatorial nomination.

With the June 5 primary only three months away, the latest statewide poll—conducted by the Los Angeles Times—shows Feinstein pulling away

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What's Mr. Marcus

from opponent **John Van de Kamp**, and she even leads her probable Republican opponent by a comfortable margin.

Feinstein, trailing Attorney General Van de Kamp by 12 percentage points last October, and thought by many to be out of the race, has gained steadily on her Democratic opponent, and the *Times* poll this week has the former San Francisco mayor now leading Van de Kamp by a 44 percent to 24 percent. Van de Kamp is in fact now running third—behind undecided, which is 33 percent.

If Feinstein wins the nomination in June, she will face U.S. Sen. **Pete Wilson**, the Republican. The *Times* poll shows her leading Wilson by an impressive 44 percent to 33 percent margin.

Why the dramatic turnaround? Part of the Feinstein success story has to do with gender. Feinstein is being aided heartily by the female vote—in the *Times* poll women voters favor Feinstein by more than 2 to 1, and in the Democratic Party in this state, women voters outnumber men voters 3 to 2. Three fifths of Feinstein's supporters are identified as women, but even among male voters polled, she leads Van de Kamp by a margin of 4 to 3.

The Times poll, coming on the heels of a California Poll and another statewide poll—the Teichner poll, reflects what the two prior polls show—that Feinstein's emergence as the Democratic front-runner not only shows her leading in the northern part of the state (she leads in the Bay Area by 5 to 1) but now she has pulled even with Van de Kamp in his home, Los Angeles County.

From the beginning, pundits were saying that Van de Kamp's high name recognition in Los Angeles, where he served two terms as district attorney, was something that Feinstein would have to overcome for any chance of winning the nomination

For his part, the Feinstein surge has Van de Kamp running scared—"panic has set in with the attorney general;" was the way it was put by one highly placed Democratic official.

When Van de Kamp "formally" announced his candidacy last week in a two-day trip around the state, the attorney general, already lagging in the two previous polls, attacked Feinstein bitterly, throwing every charge at her that he could think of.

Dianne Feinstein

Seasoned political writers

Qurprising even her own

Seasoned political writers said that it was hard to recall when another candidate began a gubernatorial campaign like that—a sure sign that chaos and worry had taken over the previously confident Van de Kamp campaign.

This week, state Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti joined Assembly Speaker Willie Brown in endorsing Feinstein, and other prominent legislators are reportedly ready to do likewise.

The dramatic development in the Democratic primary campaign has caused even Republicans—the Wilson campaign in particular—to show some concern.

There is some thought that a big Feinstein win over Van de Kamp in the June 5 primary could mean trouble for Wilson in November, particularly because the latest poll indicates that Feinstein is popular among many usually loyal Republicans.

The GOP was not counting on that as they quietly hoped for a Feinstein surge—enough, that is, to keep her in the Dem-

There is some opposition to Wilson among certain Republicans, and while Van de Kamp would never be an acceptable alternative to Wilson, Feinstein, who is coming off as tough on crime, among other things, would be such an alternative. Many Republicans could vote for her in the November election

Surprising even her own campaign strategists, the L.A. Times poll shows Feinstein leading among management and union members, liberals and moderates, Catholics and Protestants, high school and college graduates, and the young and the old.

The polls in fact, indicates that it is hard to find any voter group in which the former San Francisco mayor, and the first serious woman gubernatorial candidate, does not lead.

### New Book

Peggy Noonan, Ronald Reagan and George Bush's highly touted speechwriter, has written a book—What I Saw At The Revolution: A Political Life in the Reagan Era (Random House, 353 pages \$19.95). And Larry Bush's review of the book in Sunday's Chron was probably more interesting than the book. Bush is Mayor Art Agnos' speechwriter.

# Accepting Defeat

Some of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters are still crying over the defeat of their beloved Daniel Ordega ("the election was stolen") by the bright Violetta Chamorro, in Nicaragua. Grow up folks, this was an honest election and Ortega simply got his ass kicked when the populace had their say.

Ortega's over-confidence (and that of his supporters) got in the way and they started that "victory" celebration a bit early. (Continued on page 21)

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# by Kurt Erichsen



# **Writing Matters**

by Dave Ford

am a writer.

That statement is as much a revelation of my true self as the pronouncements "I am gay" and "I am a human being."

I trust and respect words. I trust and respect their power—both destructive and constructive. As a writer I have to trust and respect my capacity to use them correctly, correctively.

I have to trust and respect my capacity to use them at all.

Writing is where I hear the shriek. I transmogrify it into a cry, a whelp, a whimper, a scream, a guffaw. This is where I mine the source. This is where I discover my truth. This is where my truth bypassed my

This is where I get out of my way.

This is where I hear myself exist.

Last weekend 1,500 lesbian and gay writers gathered at the Cathedral Hill Hotel to hear panels of poets and fictionalists and New Narrative-ists and activists and others debate and create a dialogue about the state of gay words and images in the early Nineties.

Out Write '90 was a public affirmation of private feelings, a shared context for isolationist instincts. Indeed, it's paradoxical to think of that many writers in one place: neuroses, blocks, breakthroughs, tragedies and epiphanies all shored up by the cushion of commonality.

Writing is lonely: I face the dull green computer screen accompanied only by a terrifying cacaphony in my head. Through the act of writing I marshal that menagerie of sounds, corral it, maybe even still it so my true voice resonates.

Hearing over and over that others endure the same process—and that they do it with the equal parts horror and wonder that I do—felt enlivening and reassuring.

Writing is the way I affirm my existence. I tell my story; I tell others' stories. I live in writing. I live for writing. I live to write

I nearly wept when a black lesbian named Ayofemi Folayan spoke at the "Writers As Activists" panel Sunday afternoon. As tears streamed down her face she told us in a firm, soft voice how the power of words had changed her life.

She said that through writing she had reclaimed her voice— a voice that had been stilled both by racist society and by a specific teacher who told her flatly she was never going to write. In the past four years she's prolifically completed numerous short stories, profiles and poems.

I realized then that it's taken me years to believe that writing matters.

My dad used to say, "Dave, in this world, there are two kinds of people: the talkers and the doers." He of course saw

himself as a doer; I've always seen myself as a talker.

So writing—my means of claiming my voice, my feelings, my life—was implicitly unimportant: it was "talking," not "doing." I consequently felt guilty about writing, felt that someday I'd have to quit this lark and do something "useful." The feeling still haunts me—although in a vastly diminished way—today.

I write to fight. I write to battle darkness—both without and within. I write to rage and flail, to convince the coerce. I write to fight

In her address to the "AIDS and the Responsibility of the Writer" plenary session Saturday, Sarah Schulman said that it was no longer enough for us to write; we must also fight on the front lines in the battle against AIDS and social injustice

It's a sentiment with which some writers at the conference disagreed; I'm one of them. I've made the potentially unpopular decision to withdraw from political activism, to focus on pressing personal issues at the expense of serving my community. As a public person in that community I've anguished over the move: I'm afraid I'm letting people down.

Yet after a long internal struggle I've concluded that what I do—writing a column—is enough for now. It is after all grandiose and egocentric to think that the movement is going to fall apart if I'm not at a demonstration.

Just now I'm interested in the place where the personal meets the political: where a teardrop rolls down a scream. I'm interested in how we function from the heart out.

While that doesn't preclude pursuing a political agenda, it also means I require regenerative time alone. It means I sit and stare at a wall and listen to the whimpery distant voices that suggest bigger, deeper changes—both personal and political.

Writing is a weapon. Writing is a weapon of disclosure. Writing is a weapon of voices unleashed. Writing is a weapon of secrets revealed. Writing is about revelation; it's about saying the unsayable. Silence equals Death. Action equals Life. Writing equals Truth. Truth equals Freedom.

As I get closer to my self, my writing voice gets clearer. I've always leaned toward writing about my experience, writing "from the inside out." But that's also been a source of shame and guilt: I was raised in a family where secrecy and deceit were essential survival tools. I was subtly punished for telling the truth about myself and my surroundings.

I'm sure that's why, like many gay writers, I've spent the balance of my life writing compulsively: I needed—and need —to tell the truth somewhere. I could tell the truth in a journal without having it shot down or, worse, twisted and mangled beyond recognition. I could tell the truth without fearing for my personal and emotional safety.

But my writing voice has always been inflected with others' timbres, since I've never fully felt at home in my self. And until recently I wrote as I lived: a pastiche of influences and impressions, a synthesis of all that came before me, walked around me, passed through me. I had a hundred voices; none was mine.

I thrill, therefore, to finally discover a core self—however buried, however damaged—that actually speaks in a recognizable—a unique—voice.

I'm willing to struggle to uncover that voice.

I write for myself first.

But I also write for—to—a reader.

I reach you in the quiet space in your head.

I touch you; you respond. We're interactive in our isolation.

Like a TV signal—an electrical impulse deconstructed, sent out over airwaves, received, reconstructed, and emitted as a picture—my words begin as electrical impulses in my brain; translate into hieroglyphics on the page; then get reconstructed in your head.

You imbue my words with a meaning you assume I intended, a meaning we culturally agree the words will contain. But it's a meaning irrevocably colored by your prejudices, hopes, expectations and experience.

Writing for a reader is a process of bridging a chasm, of spanning the lonely void between us

It's a process as active as

talking; it's a process as intimate as sex.

It's a process of making love; it's a process of making love real.

In one sense the conference felt like the 1987 March on Washington: suddenly, there were thousands of us, in leathers, sweaters, skirts, slacks; smiling, talking, dishing, listening. I greeted old friends, scanned new faces. For the first time in ages I sensed how many of us there are.

There was no particular consensus reached, but that wasn't the point. The conference was about making our voices heard.

It was about talking to each

other.

I didn't look forward to this conference because I didn't know what to expect. Now I know what to expect. So I very, very much look forward to the next one.

I come out when I write.

I risk judgment, censure, ridicule, humiliation, approbation.

But the danger is never so great that I'll ever again hide from—or hide—my truth.

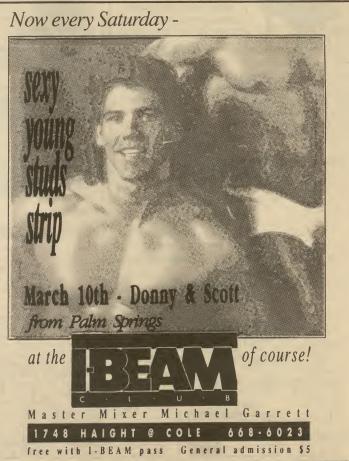
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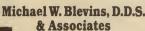
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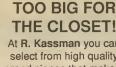




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# Sailor

At 29 he began an active spiritual search, in which he traveled to many different countries and involved himself in numerous self-help programs like EST and Dianetics. When he finally sought counseling, he said he realized the last time he had been truly happy was at age 16, when he was sailing in Long Island Sound.

With his father's loving guidance, he bought a 26-foot boat and taught himself to sail. He became a member of the gay Barbary Coast Boating Club and eventually left behind his life on shore to live exclusively on the *Galetea*, which is berthed in San Rafael.

"Most people train six to eight years before entering this race," Stinson said. "Ive been at it for only eight months. It will be the ultimate test of my strength and endurance."

The race is non-stop, so the sailors only pause to sleep for 20 minutes every three hours. Physical and spiritual determination, coupled with a knowledge and respect of the sea, allows Stinson to aim for first also in his vessel's clees. first place in his vessel's class.

"Sailing represents freedom;" Stinson said. "And freedom is being totally respon-sible for everything in my life, including whether AIDS rules it or I rule it."

Even though Stinson seems to display a serene existence, he admits he is angry about the loss of more than 100 friends to

"When I feel the anger, I crank this craft up to its max-imum, take it out on the water and sing at the top of my lungs," he said.

Stinson is also amember of San Francisco's gay Men's Chorus.

"When I'm sailing alone, it's just me, the wind and the waves. That dance with nature is the most gleeful experience ever. I feel totally liberated."

Stinson hopes that people who are living with illnesses or are in difficult circumstances, will see his journey as a symbol of hope.

"I ask myself, what can I ontribute to change the moment for the better??' said Stinson. "I hope my journey helps people face the challenges of living with AIDS."

The Barbary Coast Boating Club is organizing fund raising to assist Stinson in acquiring his rainbow sails and other equipment needed for his vessel. For information call 456-8732.



Jay Stinson (above) and the boat he'll sail to Hawaii (below).



# Census Question to Identity Same-Sex Partners

For the first time in history, the 1990 Census includes a question that can be used to count the number of lesbian and gay couples across the country.

Beginning the last week in March, the Census Bureau will distribute its decennial ques-tionnaire to every household. The relationship section of the The relationship section of the survey—which asks for information on how people in households are related—includes the designatin "unmarried partner" along with "roomer/boarder," housemate/roommate" and other designations. other designations.

According to the Census Bureau, the unmarried partner category will distinguish be-

tween persons who share a household for economic reasons and those people who share households "for more personal reasons."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Families Propian lask Force Families Pro-ject is urging gay and lesbian couples living in committed relationships to answer the cen-sus honestly and check off the unmarried partner designaton.
NGLTF has also launched a campaign to increase public awareness of the question and pressure the Census Bureau to be more sensitive to gay and lesbian concerns.

According to sources, the new unmarried partner category is an attempt by the Census Bureau to get an accurate

count of the number of heterosexual couples living together without "benefit of marriage"

"The struggle to have our relationships and our families recognized and protected will assume much greater urgency in the decade to come;" said Ivy Young, director of the NGLTF Families Project. "Accurate statistics gathered from the 1990 Census could provide us an important weapon to help wage that struggle."

According to Young, public and private industry programs are affected by census data, as well as social and economic policy, legislative agendas, public initiatives, voting registration and congressional districting.



Cris Williamson receives the Board of Directors Award

# Cable

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The four-hour show began with a moving tribute—that included a standing ovation—to Paul Wynne, the KGO-TV reporter who is reporting his own personal struggle with AIDS in a news series on the 6 o'clock

Wynne received one of 13 Board of Directors awards. Others who received that award included "In Concert Against AIDS;" which raised \$525,000 for AIDS in nine Bay Area concerts; Gay in America, the San Francisco Examiner series, which was accepted by editor Carol Ness. Former Examiner Assistant Manager Greg Brock Assistant Manager Greg Brock also received an award for the

Project Open Hand received an award for its earthquake relief efforts. Other winners of the Board of Directors Awards included a founding mother of Women's Music, Chris Williamson on the 15th anniversary of "The Changer and The Changed," the ground-breaking album. *The San Fran*cisco Bay Times also won an award on its 10th anniversary.

Cable Car Awards also went to Marga Gomez, for Out-



Carole Migden accepts award for outstanding contribution to the community/women. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

standing Comic of the Year. Gomez also swept the public vote for Outstanding Entertainer, Outstanding AIDS fundraiser went to the Connie Francis Look-a-Like Contest at the SF Eagle. Carole Migden received the Cable Car Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Women's Community. Jim Baroni and Bill Harrison

tied for the same award for the tied for the same award for the Men's Community. Hank Plante of KPIX and Paul Boneberg of Mobilization Against AIDS received the Harvey Milk Community Service Awards in recognition of their distinctive efforts in the fight against AIDS.

More than 100 awards were presented at the ceremony.

# Gay Cadet

Washington University pro-Washington University provost Edward Macias, in a letter to university ROTC commander Lt. Col. Robert Bates, called the military's anti-gay policies "inconsistent with the nondiscriminatory values of this (and I should think virtually all) universities?' He urged the ROTC to drop its plan to seek reimbursements from Holobaugh.

Washington University is at Washington University is at least the eighth major university to tackle the military's homophobia, following in the footsteps of the Universities of California, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Harvard, Yale and Northwestern.

ROTC provides 70 percent of Armed Forces officers and of-fers programs at 318 colleges and universities.

Upon completion of the program, officers must serve either four years of active duty or eight years in the reserves.

# Bars

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are instructed to go into a bar or liquor store and attempt to buy liquor. If the sale is made, a citation is issued by the San Francisco Police Department.

Rewerts said the program began in 1986 and said there began in 1986 and said there was legal precedent for the procedure. Manny Dias, a supervisor with the ABC, acknowledged that, in fact, two laws are being tested.

One is the sale, the other is presence of a minor in a bar, which is also illegal. Dias said it would be "nit-picking" if they cited the bar owner for allowing the minor in the bar. He had no comment when asked if it might be generally perceived as wrong to be allowing 15- or 16-year-old boys and girls to be spending time in a girls to be spending time in a bar.

Dias said there was no attempt to target only gay bars. However, gay bars appear to be the primary targets.



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# Rooney Back on Air, Offers No Apology

60 Minutes commentator Andy Rooney, suspended by CBS Feb. 8 for homophobic and possibly racist remarks he made in public, was back on the air March 4, more than two months before the three-month suspension was to expire.

In his regular 60 Minutes seg-ment, Rooney strongly defend-ed himself against the charges that he is a racist, providing a litany of pro-black steps he has taken in his public life.

The list included once kick-The list included once kick-ing out of his home a guest who repeatedly used the word 'nig-ger,' sitting in the back of the bus with blacks when he was in the Army and writing a televi-sion program called 'A Black America' for Bill Cosby in

Rooney also made an effort kooney also made an errort to clear the air with "homosex-uals" during the broadcast. But many gay and lesbian activists are saying the attempt was unsatisfactory.

Rooney's March 4 remarks about gays, in full, were:

"I'd be known for the rest of "I'd be known for the rest of my life... as someone who had made life a little more difficult for homosexuals.... How do I apologize to homosexuals for hurting them with a remark I made that I didn't realize would hurt them? It's demeaning to have to sit here and defend myself."

And, in relating the story about ejecting the racist guest from his home, Rooney added, "I'd feel the same today if

"Do I have any opinions that might irritate some people? You're damned right I do. That's what I'm here for."

anyone used an insulting word about homosexuals?

In closing, Rooney asked: "Do I have any opinions that might irritate some people? You're damned right I do. That's what I'm here for.'

Rooney's suspension at CBS Rooney's suspension at CBS reportedly triggered a massive mail and phone protest from viewers as well as severe peer criticism for CBS News President David Burke, who made the decision.

Many of Burke's peers charged that CBS was denying Rooney freedom of speech, but they were mostly angry that Burke seemingly took the word of gay reporter Chris Bull over that of Rooney.

Bull had said that Rooney told him blacks have watered down their genes because the least intelligent ones get preg-nant, but Rooney has denied making that remark.

Rooney's suspension immediately followed publication of the remark in *The Advocate*, a gay magazine.



# Gay Deaf Groups Meet in S.F. To Party, Plot AIDS Strategy

by Mary Richards

San Francisco hosted two major deaf events Feb. 16-18 when Western Regional Alliance of the Deaf Gays and Lesbians held its Delegate's Retreat and the Rainbow Deaf Society celebrated its 18th anni-

The weekend's activities supported the movement of the les-bian and gay deaf community, and gave new impetus to a group that continues to push for social reform and awareness in the hearing community.

Delegates from deaf communities in Houston, Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Denver, Oregon, Washington, San Diego, San Jose and San Francisco met during the two days to discuss their goals and confront problems that affect members.

Topics on their agenda ad-dressed the continuance and

strength of the WRADGL or-ganization itself; plans for the ganization itself; plans for the next conference to be held in two years in Vancouver; dealing with AIDS as it affects the community and strengthening the dialogue between deaf gay men and lesbians.

The Western Regional Alliance of the Deaf was formed in September 1988 at the group's first western conference held in Denver.

Steve Kennedy, WRADGL president, detailed the most important resolves that were for-mulated at this year's retreat:

(1) The name of the organization will be changed in the future to Deaf Gays and Les-bians of the West (Deaf

(2) They will develop short-term and long-term goals for their western region and its chapters including:

(a) creation of a new offi-cer's system, selecting two vice presidents, male and female;

(b) focus on recruitment and the creation of new chapters; development and initiation of media promotion to gays and the straight hearing community; advocate for deaf gay culture, education and rights.

Major problems discussed at the retreat center around the deaf community's difficulty in getting some AIDS organiza-tions and a major deaf advocacy referral agency to react to the needs of deaf gays and lesbians affected with HIV dis-

Although the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and AIDS Emergency Fund have responded to specific deaf concerns, difficulties remain to be resolved with other AIDS groups.

Interpreter Jay Wilson spoke about some of the AIDS questions that need to be addressed.

"We started getting into AIDS," he said. "How it affects the community, how a lot of deaf people isolate themselves and don't want anybody to know they have AIDS. How do you solve that? How do you get these people to come out, not to be afraid? Confidentiality, trusting of an AIDS service organization, that's the biggest problem.'

On Feb. 17, the 18th anniver-On Feb. 17, the 18th anniversary party was held for the Rainbow Deaf Society. Established in 1972 as the first deaf lesbian and gay organization in the country, RDS now has 75 members from throughout the Bay Area.

"It was a social party, and it was very enjoyable—the evening was fun," Wilson said. "A lot of was full, Wilsonsaid. A fot of people were there, it was one of the largest parties they've had in a long time besides their recent beer bust at the SF Eagle!'

In September 1988, RDS set up a committee whose major goal was "to put a lid on AIDS." Called Deaf CAP, the AIDS: Called Dear CAP, the committee has raised enough funds to provide \$100 grants to five deaf PWAs.

"Right now," Wilson said, "it's a \$100 grant to a deaf person who needs assistance after

they have exhausted their other resources. We're limited on our funds at present, but when the funds get bigger, the grants will

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# 2 AIDS Groups Merge

Local AIDS organizations Project Inform and the Community Research Alliance are joining forces in an effort to cut costs, reduce competition for limited funds and increase effectiveness in HIV/AIDS treatment research by combining resources.
"We are embarking on a new

"We are embarking on a new era;" said Martin Delaney, executive director of Project Inform. "We have made great progress in expediting access to treatments by focusing on FDA regulatory problems. Now we must shift our attentions to the research areas, while continue." research arena, while continuing our information and ad-

vocacy work."

Delaney is a member of the Mayoral Task Force on the HIV Epidemic, which recommended in its recent report that the multitude of AIDS organizations in San Francisco consolidate communications and

"Project Inform was originally conceived as a community-based research organization, and the Community Research Alliance gives us the institutional and regulatory components to answer research questions ethically, scientifically and quickly.

"The Community Research Alliance, as a component of Project Inform, will allow us to continue to respond to the most urgent needs of our com-munities while still overcoming needless bureaucratic regula-tions"

Project Inform, one of the founding organizations of the Community Research Alliance, sponsored last year's study of Compound Q, which has been imported by patients from China, and administered by community physicians.

# **National Briefs**

# **ACLU Challenges to Military to Continue**

The American Civil Liberties Union will proceed with challenges to the military's policy of excluding gays and lesbians despite the Supreme Court's refusal on Feb. 26 to review lower court decisions in two cases. "The refusal to allow lesbians and gay Americans to enlist in the military constitutes what is probably the most blatant example of open discrimination by the federal government today," Nan Hunter, director of the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, said. Hunter said the Defense Department spent vast amounts of money each year to enforce the policy. "At a time when the defense budget is rapidly shrinking, the military is throwing away millions of dollars simply to maintain discrimination," Hunter said.

# **Equestrians Raise \$15,000 for AIDS**

"Riders Against AIDS," a day-long horse riding training clinic held Feb. 6 by two world-champion riders, raised \$15,000 for the National AIDS Network. The fundraiser was the equestrian community's first-ever benefit for AIDS. Held at the Palm Beach Polo Equestrian Club in West Palm Beach, the event featured riding clinics with Robert Dover and George Morris, two of the United States' top riders. "Riders Against AIDS" drew 100 people who attended the ridine planes well by the Poles. ple who attended the riding clinics and luncheon. The West Palm Beach event was the first of what organizers are hoping will be many seasonal AIDS fundraisers. Based in Washington, DC, the National AIDS Network is the leadership and support agency for over 650 community-based AIDS education and serviceproviding organizations.

# Retailer Changes Anti-Gay Policy

Woodward and Lothrop, also known as "Woodies," a department store in the Washington, D.C., area, has agreed to grant discount cards to partners of both gay and non-gay employees. The decision came after employee Duane Rinde, 24, applied for a spouse discount card for his lover and was refused. Woodies denied the request based on marital status. Rinde, a Woodward and Lothrop employee since September 1989, filed a union grievance against the store and charged they violated District of Columbia and Montgomery County, MD., anti-discrimination laws. Following negotiations with gay groups, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the company changed its policy. In addition, it added "sexual orientation" and "marital status" to its Equal Opportunity policy. Gay groups had called for a consumer boycott of the chain. for a consumer boycott of the chain.

# Ohio Gay Congressional Candidate

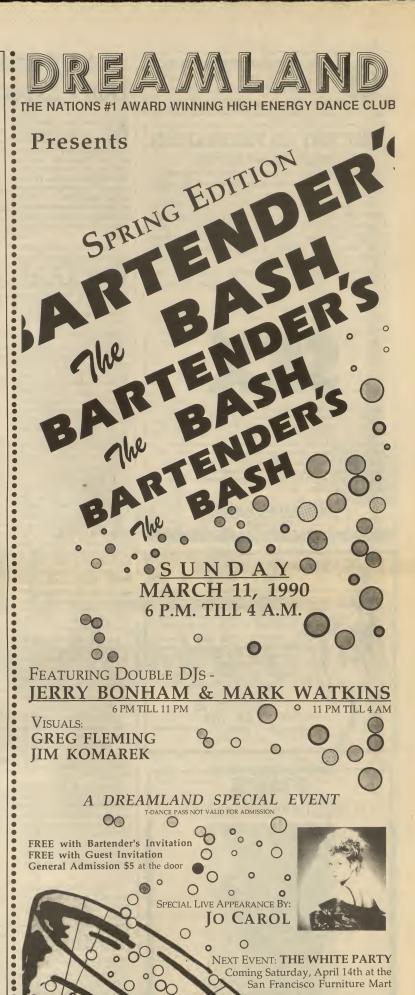
Mike Gelpi, an openly gay man, is running for U.S. Congress for Ohio's 12th Congressional District. Gelpi also ran for the seat in 1988, but had to drop out due to a non-AIDS-related health condition. He is endorsed by the Franklin County Democratic Party and faces one challenger in the May 8 primary. Gelpi is a well-known businessman in Columbus and has received no flak for coming out of the closet. In fact, the *Columbus Dispatch* named him to its Ethics Hall of Fame, the only politician ever -Rex Wockner

# House Whip Co-Sponsors Rights Bill

Representatives of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, joined by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, met with U.S. Rep. William Gray (D-Philadelphia) and U.S. Sen. John Heinz (R-Penn.) on Feb. 21 to gather support for the civil and human rights of lesbian and gay people. Gray, the House majority whip, agreed to co-sponsor the Civil Rights Amendments Act of 1989, HB 655 and S 47. This legislation, pending in Congress, amends the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include "sexual orientation" as a protected category. The Act would prohibit discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and federally assisted opportunities on the basis of sexual orientation. Gray, additionally, agreed to ask U.S. Rep. Ronald Dellums, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, to sponsor an invitational briefing for representatives of the Task Force's Study of Violence and Discrimination against Lesbian and Gay People in the city of Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Study. Following this meeting, U.S. Sen. John Pennsylvania Study. Following this meeting, U.S. Sen. John Heinz (R-PA) was briefed on the findings of the study to encourage his support for and co-sponsorship of S 47. Heinz said that "if a gay rights bill were before me today, I would vote for it"

# Nebraska Gay/Lesbian Alumni Plans

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association is planning a Spring GALA Reunion, publishing a resource list of University of Nebraska-Lincoln resources, advocacy for gay/lesbian students, faculty, alumni and staff and membership development and recruitment. The UNL GALA's "Spring GALA Reunion" is planned for April and will include alumni/ae, students, faculty and staff. The reunion will be on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Persons interested in helping with the event or participating should write: UNL GALA, Inc., P.O. Box 30681, Lincoln, NE 68503 or call (402) 464-0371. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae Association was established in April 1989 for the social, educational, historical, cultural and political needs of the UNL gay/lesbian community. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Gay and Lesbian Alumni



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# Don't Expect Miracles

aybe I should have lookaybe I should have looked before I leapt. But when I first considered responding to the brochure advertising Electronic Muscle Stimulation as a means of promoting passive exercise, I didn't take it very seriously. Only later did I realize that the method might be a legitimate one and not merely a manipulative marketing ploy promoting a passing fad.

EMS, I knew, had long been used in hospitals for therapeutic reasons. Randy (the man who reasons. Kandy (the man who administered my own passive exercise treatment) told me so himself, and his statements were confirmed by the professor and physical therapist I called at the University of California Medical Center for verification. verification.

Sara Shapiro, an assistant clinical professor in UCSF's Curriculum of Physical Therapy, explained that the use of electricity for medical reasons dates to as early as 400 B.C., when doctors immersed B.C., when doctors immersed patients in tanks of electrical fish to cure headaches, arthritis and asthma. Later, rocks with electrical properties, such as amber, were placed on the body to relieve nausea and reduce inflammation.

Eventually, scientists realized that electrical forces were contained within as well as without the body, and in the early 20th century, the first machines were developed to induce muscle stimulation. Two world wars and a polio epidemic encouraged the study of EMS, and to-day, the procedure is used for a variety of reasons, primarily to prevent muscle atrophy follow-ing an injury or illness. It is particularly useful in treating victims of strokes, palsy and disabling accidents.

Shapiro was unclear exactly where EMS began to be used for non-medical reasons, but she recalled a machine called the Slendertone that was marketed in Canadian beauty salons as a muscle-toner and a fat-reducer 20 years ago.

Gyms began using more so-phisticated machines for weight prinstituted machines for weight training, Randy noted, in the late '70s. At the salon on Cas-tro Street where he works, EMS machines have been in use for the past seven years.

Shapiro said that she saw nothing wrong with the kind of passive exercise Randy promotes, as long as it is used in conjunction with a traditional, monitored exercise program under the supervision of licensed personnel—a physical therapist or a physician, for exam-

"It can certainly be assistive;" she said, "but I do not recom-mend it as an independent proAngela Pope, a physical therapist at UCSF, agreed, but with certain reservations.

"The best way to exercise is to do it yourself;" she said. "There have been studies which show that [EMS] increases strength in athletes. But there have been other studies that show the opposite I have mix. show the opposite. I have mixed feelings about it myself.

"In order to gain strength, you have to have a very intense muscle contraction, and that's not easy to tolerate. I wouldn't want to do it myself. But I can't comment on what they do in the gyms or the salons, because I don't know exactly what they do. It wouldn't be fair.'

Like Shapiro, Pope agreed that if EMS is to be used for exercise or weight training, it ought to be administered by trained professionals.

"You should understand the principles involved and not just how to turn the machine on and off;' Shapiro said. "You don't want to just slap electrodes on somebody and let it rip?'

Pope added, "A knowledge of anatomy and physiology is important. You have to understand the basic scientific principles behind the procedure. It's not like turning on a radio. When operating the machine, you have to know the motor points—where the nerves enter the muscles. You also have to determine the size and placement of the pads as well as the proper pulse width and rate."

nfortunately, Pope said, too many operators of EMS machines in passive exercise programs are improperly trained. She thinks that it is important to take courses in electrophysiology at a certified school rather than to rely on a company salesperson for training, as many operators

"It's not enough to take the word of a salesperson," Pope said. "Some are very good and know what they're talking about, but they are pushing a product, and [the operator] ought to be aware of that."

A good reason for adequate training is that EMS machines, if used improperly, can be dan-

"There is a place in the neck that, if stimulated, can affect the functioning of the heart?' Pope warned. "EMS should never be used with people who wear certain kinds of pacemakers. There are also those who say it's not all right to use it trans-cranially (across the head), but that is an area of controversy.

Fortunately, Randy said that he was aware of most of the dangers involved. Consequently, he will not use EMS on page he will not use EMS on people who wear pacemakers, peoare pregnant. He is also careful ple who have advanced cases of varicose veins, or women who with people who have suffered with people with take state etc.

cardiac problems and people
who are recovering from
surgery. Because he doesn't
want to induce seizures or rupture stitches, he keeps the current "low."

However, Randy's training is perhaps not as thorough as the health professionals would like.

"I read up on [EMS];" he said, "and I took some courses on it. The courses were from a guy who went to Yonkers, the home of the company that makes the machines.

But Randy has never taken medical courses of any kind. His full-time job is in advertis-

Nevertheless, this doesn't seem to bother his clients, and the passive exercise business is booming. Bill Heter, a trainer at the Muscle System on Market Street, is another (like Angela Pone) who has mixed feelings about this.

"It seems to work for the Russians," Heter noted, "especially the power lifters, in conjunction with regular weight training programs. They did a number of experiments and found that they were able to increase muscle strength up to 10 percent. But used by itself, [EMS] was ineffective.

"As sold to the public, though, it's somewhat decep-tive. They posit that if you do this, the implication is that you don't have to work out. It's the same with steroids. A lot of people feel if they take the drug, they don't have to exercise. The end result is that they get fat. You have to train irregardless.

For medical reasons, Heter would certainly do EMS.

"For someone who is recovering from a stroke, there's no other way to stimulate muscle response. But it's probably a waste of time for others. My own personal philosophy is that sometimes supplementing one program with another even program with another, even EMS, will prove beneficial. But there's no substitute for hard work, whether you're training with weights, running, or what-

The best advice for the prospective clients of passive exercise, the professionals agree, is "Caveat emptor: buyer beware." It seems to work, but don't expect miracles. If you are the kind of person who buys trans at a tanning salon rather then spend the time in the sun, then try it. You have little to loose. But bear in mind that, like a tan, the results of passive exercise fade.

"It won't last," Sara Shapiro said. "Once you stop, it doesn't take long for the muscles to atrophy

But then, what ever does?

# Wasting

He pointed out that those participating in the megace participating in the megace trials would get trained nutri-tional care, extensive free bloodwork and a six months supply of the drug at the trial's

Another study, by Hellerstein and Dr. James Kahn, is investigating DFA, which is nothing more than fish oil. They believe by introducing omega-3 fish oil into the diet of

people with HIV, they can alter the chemistry of the macro-phage cell walls. In theory and pnage cell wails. In theory and in preliminary studies, DFA inhibits the production of cytokines, the hormones that cause wasting syndrome.

"This study is really exciting "Ins study is really exciting because DFA works directly on the macrophages where we know HIV resides," Clinton said, "It will both interfere with the expression of HIV in the macrophage, and at the same time it will work directly to in. time it will work directly to inproduction of

Unlike megace, which only boosts the appetite, DFA may actually get at the cause of the wasting. And if it inhibits the expression of HIV in the macrophage in other ways, it may have potential as a general treatment for HIV.

The DFA trial is not short of subjects. But the megace trial is, and if it cannot recruit enough patients by April, the grant money it was funded with will have to be returned. Anyone interested in learning more about either trial can call SFGH at 821-8982.

# **International News Summary**

by Rex Wockner

Australia

The Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations has joined the growing boycott of June's Sixth International Conference on AIDS in San Francisco, according to the Sydney Star Observer.

AIDS organizations throughout Europe and Canada have already announced their intention to receive a special "HIV waiver" from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

ization Service.

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Gay sex has been decriminalized in the state of Western Australia following a five-year campaign, according to GALAH. The sodomy law prescribed flogging and a 14-year prison term for consensual homosexual sex.

In Queensland, meanwhile, the newly elected Labor government has apparently abandoned pledges to reform that state's sodomy law, which permits seven years of imprisonment for gay sex. Queensland activists are continuing their reform campaign, along with fellow activists in Tasmania, the only other Australian state that criminalizes gay lovemaking.

Canada

The government has appealed a federal court ruling that Corrections Canada discriminated against a gay prisoner who was denied conjugal visits by his lover, according to Xtra!

The original ruling had been a major boost for the Canadian gay movement because Judge Jean-Eudes Dube insisted that Section 15 of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation, even though gays and lesbians are not specifically named in the Charter.

Apparently, the Justice Department, in its appeal, does not intend to challenge Dube's ruling that Canada already has a national gay rights law, but will instead argue that gay inmates are treated fairly because they are allowed family visits from women just like heterosexual prisoners. Yes, we're confused too.

### England

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was zapped by ACT UP/London in late January as she opened the new hanging at the Tate Gallery, according to Capital Gay. The newspaper reported that half-a-dozen ACT UP members, disguised as art students, pretended to conduct a "life class" on the grounds of the Tate as security guards hovered. When Thatcher left the gallery, demonstrators leaped through the security cordon around the prime minister and produced placards they had hidden inside portfolio holders. The six demanded improved benefits for people with AIDS

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The German newspaper Bild has reported that Britain's Prince Edward is gay, quoting high-society journalist Arnold Clarifred as confirming that the 25-year-old prince has not had "ultimate relations with girls yet"

The report also quoted the prince's female dates as saying he has never gone farther with them than a "kiss on the cheek."

### Netherlands

Partners, a new Dating Game/Newlywed Game-type show on Holland's Channel 2, includes gay and lesbian couples on a regular basis, according to *De Gay Krant*. The newspaper reported that "many people are finding that *Partners* is not to be missed."

# Soviet Union

Despite glasnost and perestroika, Soviet gays are still frequently arrested by KGB agents and held in "abominable circumstances" until they identify other homosexuals, according to a new report in the Swedish newspaper Reporter.

Some of the arrestees are sent to psychiatric hospitals and given drugs to decrease their sex drive. Prominent gays in the theater world, however, are often left in peace in exchange for providing police with hard-to-get theater tickets, the *Reporter* reported.

### Venezuela

The climate for gays and lesbians here continues to be dismal, according to recent communication from activist Edgar Carrasco, founder of Citizen's Action Against AIDS.

The capital city of Caracas has seen 15 anti-gay murders in the past three years, including one notorious case where a police officer who was high on cocaine killed a well-known fashion designer.

In another incident, a lesbian was murdered by a man inside a lesbian bar during a lesbian marriage ceremony. Carrasco says Venezuelan gays receive little support from the courts because the legal system generally views homosexual behavior as leading naturally to criminal behavior. Given everything, he feels "it is no surprise that the country's gays and lesbians lack any feeling of pride or solidarity."

### West Germany

Parliament in in deep debate concerning the use of the word "schwul" in official proceedings; the word roughly translates as "gay."

The Green Party has requested that "schwul" be replaced with "homo" or "homosexual" because "schwul" can sometimes carry a negative connotation.

The Christian Democrats oppose the change, arguing that feminist Greens want to turn Germany into a "feminist Esperanto without any character."

The Democrats say "homosexual" is too clinical and that "schwul" was developed specifically to have a word like "gay" with which to refer to gay men.

# Gays Urged To Protest Irish Law

by Rex Wockner

Gay and lesbian activists in Dublin are calling for phone zaps of Ireland's embassy and consulates in the U.S. on Friday, March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day.

Callers are being asked to demand that the Irish Parliament immediately overturn the nation's sodomy law, in accord with an October '88 ruling of the European Court On Human Rights.

Activists won the court ruling after openly gay Sen. David Norris pursued the case to the European Court, but Irish legislators continue to procrastinate in implementing the decision.

"Since over 40 million Americans have their roots in Ireland, public opinion in the U.S. can affect issues here," John Bergin, spokesman for the Gay & Lesbian Equality Network, said.

Ireland is one of the last European nations to criminalize gay and lesbian sex, and legislators have come under heavy pressure from right-wing Catholic groups to keep it that way.

The U.S. phone numbers are: (202) 462-3939 in Washington; (212) 319-2555 in New York; (617) 267-9330 in Boston; (312) 337-1868 in Chicago; and (415) 392-4214 in San Francisco.

GLEN is an umbrella group created to ensure that the European Court decision is implemented and that age-of-consent laws are equalized for gays and straights. The group's long-term goal is nationwide anti-discrimination protections for lesbians and gay men.

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# **Douglas Bridges**

Sept. 11, 1942-Jan. 30, 1990

Just as winter began a final foray across the land, my friend Douglas Bridges passed peacefully into the Land of Eternal Spring. After a long struggle with AIDS Douglas is now at rest.



Born in Texas Born in Texas
the made San
Francisco his
home for 18
years. In August
1988 he returned
to Texas to live
with his parents.

Douglas is remembered by his parents, his brother and sister, nieces and nephews, a family of friends, his cats and a variety of pot-ted plants (which I was to care for until his return). An identical twin preceded him in death.

After he went to rest on Jan. 30, his After newent to test on Jain. 30, insearthly remains were cremated. They now rest beside his beloved twin brother in an identical urn. Though this good and gracious man is sorely missed, with God's blessing, Douglas is now at peace.

You enriched our lives, Doug. We're all better people for having known you. Love, Charles and Lydia.

A memorial service will be held for Douglas on Saturday, March 10, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St., San Francisco at 2 p.m.

### **Charles Nicholas Fox** Nov. 15, 1942-Feb. 16, 1990

Charles Nicholas Fox (Chuck) was born on Nov. 15, 1942, and died of heart failure on Feb. 16. He grew up in Roseville, and moved to San Francisco in the '60s where he experimented with politics, lifestyles and life.

politics, lifestyles and life.

In the years to follow he found recovery in the 12-step programs, and at the time of his death had achieved nearly 10 years' clean time. Chuck loved the fellowship and became deeply involved in his and other people's recovery, as a sponsor, a friend, and as a trusted servant.

Chuck worked hard for success and graduated from San Francisco City College in 1987. He worked in banking and television, and also studied massage. Spiritually was an integral part of Chuck's life; he explored a variety of spiritual paths, and was adept at reminding all of us to "turn it over." An avid Giants fan, Chuck also loved shows and musicals, movies, cards, reading, and the outdoors.

Chuck is survived by three sisters and three brothers: Susan Rey, Irene Burns, Pauline Anderson, George Fox, and Raymond and Lloyd Stockton. And, of

# Daniel A. Schreiber Jan. 21, 1955-Feb. 28, 1990

Clean and sober, Dan succumbed to AIDS-related heart failure

From his journals: April 10, 1984,
"It's a trap—I
hurt, so I need
somebody to care about me, hold me, love me. But every time I let my

time I let my feelings out, I end up getting hurt more. . I lam afraid of the thing I need the mover known anything else but to stoically take the hurt, abuse and pain. I must learn a new way."

(Dan's sobriety date is Sept. 15, 1986) Nov. 6, 1988, "I'm so grateful to be regaining perspective on what the hell I'm doing, to be alive today. I have everything I need, am everything I need, to be, do enough without doing much

"If I knew what God wanted me to "If knew what God wanted me to do, I would be happy. I am doing what God wants, so I am happy. What a feeling to finally discover that I am not fighting the universe, but that it is actually there to support me if I use my tools to tap into it. Wow!"

You are missed, Danny-you will ways be loved.

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**Judd Wozencraft** Nov. 5, 1955-March 2, 1990



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art of visualizing reauty and manifesting it, in his in-erior design, his art work and in words both written and spoken.

The dignity and humor Judd maintained during his period of living with AIDS was an inspiration to all who knew and cared for him.

Judd was a man so full of life that those close to him were constantly amazed. He loved the outdoors, to entertain at home, to work in his garden, to live life to its fullest.

Judd was deeply dedicated to help-ing others with AIDS and to this end worked very hard to organize an annual white-water rafting trip to benefit AIDS charity organizations.

"Flotilla for AIDS," as this event was named, will be held this year in his memory the second weekend in May.

memory the second weekend in May.
Words cannot express deeply enough
the sense of love, respect and loss that
those who knew and loved Judd feel.
He was a man of honor and deep
spiritual conviction, which helped him
to continue giving to others right up to
the day of his passing. He will always
live on in our hearts and souls.

Judd is survived by his mother, his brother, his sister, his cat, and the many, many friends who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the SF AIDS Foundation, Pro-ject Open Hand or Visiting Nurses & Hospice of San Francisco.

Judd is free now to soar as high as the clouds and beyond.

### Michael N. Bilodeau Dec. 16, 1955-March 3, 1990

Mike Bilodeau died at Pacific resbyterian Medical Center on March



With when he took his last breaths were his parents, his three brothers and his lover. He had been well and lovingly car-ed for by the staffs of the Planetree Unic

and the Intensive Care Unit during his 10-day stay at PPMC.

Mike attended Stonehill College in Massachusetts where he graduated with wassachusetts where he graduated with honors in 1978, majoring in political science. His interest in politics remained with him, and even during his last weeks when he was unable to read, he followed political views on TV, whether from Berkeley or Bucharest.

Mike heeded Horace Greeley's famous Mike heeded Horace Circeley's famous exhortation and found himself in a semi-mythical place called Lake Tahoe, which was to be his home for the next few years. He took jobs as a valet parker, a blackjack dealer and a ski instructor at various

These occupations, however, were only an excuse for him to remain in the Tahoe basin which he dearly loved for all the outdoor activities it offered. It became his spiritual home.

Eventually, however, the lure of the big

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city made itself felt, and Mike moved to San Francisco. He got a job as a sales representative with Zellerbach Paper, where he was employed until he became

Last year, as he was waiting to buy his first home, he was diagnosed with AIDS. He stubbornly went ahead with the purchase of his condo anyway. It was one of his dreams to own property in the city, and he managed to achieve it in spite of his illness

A celebration of Mike's life will be held Saturday, March 10, at 2 p.m. at the Nep tune Society's Columbarium. Mike's ashes will be returned to Maine.

### John Franz Koopus 1948-1990

John Koopus left us on Sunday, Feb.
25, after a short
struggle with
AIDS.



John was born and raised in Springfield, Mass. He gradu-ated from York College in Penn-sylvania with a BS degree in

sylvania with a
BS degree in
Computer Sciences. He was employed by Digital
Equipment Corp., which brought John
to the Bay Area. John worked for
Digital for more than 17 years and was
loved and respected by his colleagues.

During the latter part of John's life he developed a passion for sailing and found great relaxation on the waters of the San Francisco Bay with friends and family.

Because of his love for the sea John's ashes will be scattered into the Pacific Ocean during a private memorial ser-vice off of the coast of the Marin

John is survived by his parents, Stanley and Lotte Koopus, his brother, Jeff, his lover, Skip, their beloved dog, Babe, and a very loving and supportive group of friends.

"John, your loss has left an immense hole in the hearts of those who loved you. The only consolations we have are the great memories of the full, gregarious life you shared with us. No disease can take those away from us. We love

### Kenneth Wenk March 4, 1944-Feb. 25, 1990

Ken Wenk passed away peacefully on Feb. 25 at Kaiser Hospital after a yearlong battle with AIDS.



Born in Tecumsheh, Mich. and a graduate of Eastern Mi-chigan University. Ken had been a resident of San Francisco since 1976. Ken worked with accounting firms, and became a successful real extra expressor and investor in the past.

estate renovator and investor in the past

Ken loved everything Asian and made many trips to the Far East as travel was a real joy in his life. Ken also had a home in Monte Rio and very much enjoyed the quiet of the Russian River area. He lived and died coura-geously and will be missed by his friends and family.

Ken is survived by his son, Brian, his brother, William, his sister, Caroline, and friends Tom, Wilfredo, Arthur, Brian and Mark.

A memorial service will be held Sun-day March 11. For information call 333-9606. Donations may be made in his name to the S.F. AIDS Foundation.

### Terry Lee Young Aug. 6, 1950-Feb. 14, 1990

Terry passed away Feb. 14, 1990
Terry passed away Feb. 14 after an incredibly brave four year struggle with
KS. Born in Enid, Okla., Terry moved
to San Francisco in 1975. He was an accomplished chef, and worked eight
years cooking dinners at Welcome
Home.

Terry was also an expert bridge player and director. His technical skills and sharp table presence earned him several regional and many sectional tournament titles, as well as a lifetime total of more than 1,300 masterpoints.

In celebration of Terry's life, there will be a charity bridge game and pot luck dinner at Trump's bridge club at 254 Laguna Honda on Monday, March 19. Dinner is at 7, and the game begins

We miss you very much. Terry.

### James W. Foreman Nov. 23, 1941-Feb. 10, 1990

Jim's valiant fight against AIDS ended on Feb. 10 at Pacific Presbyter-ian Medical Center. During his final days he was surrounded by friends and

family members who loved and cared for him

cared for him deeply.

A native of Pennsylvania, Jim graduated from Dickinson College in 1963.

After three years as an officer in the Air Force, he moved to San Francisco in 1966. For the next 22 years he had a successful career with Industrial Indemnity of San Francisco where he was respected and loved by those who had the good fortune of coming in contact with him. fortune of coming in contact with him.

Jim touched the lives of many people. He was a kind man—devoted to those he cared about. He had a sparkthose he cared about. He had a spark-ling personality and delightful sense of humor, which made him entertaining and fun to be with. One of his greatest joys was entertaining friends and fami-ly members in his home. He was an ex-cellent cook—creative in the prepara-tion and presentation of a variety of foods.

Jim is survived by his companion of 10 years, John Stegner of San Francisco; by his mother and stepfather, Mary and Russell Lehman of Carlisle, Penn.; his two sisters, Phyllis Line and Virginia Franklin of Carlisle and Shippensburg, Penn.; and by his extended family of friends in the Bay Area.

A memorial celebration of Jim's life will be held at his home sometime in April. Donations in his memory may be sent to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., San Francisco, CA 94110.

### Peter Stegmayer Aug. 14, 1946-Feb. 19, 1990

Peter was killed in a brutal attack while on vacation in Mexico. Born and rais



to San Francisco five years ago.

He is survived by his loving life com-panion of 11 years, Laverte McDonald, the McDonalds of Brooklyn, N.Y., his many friends across the country, especially in Winnebago, Neb., and his father and brothers in the New York and Washington areas.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 10, at 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist, 1661 15th St., San Francisco.

Peter was the kindest, gentlest man I've ever known. We had our ups and downs, but our 11 years together say it all. I will miss him terribly.

## **Ewart Gladstone Mortimer III**

Ewart Gladstone Mortimer III died peacefully in his sleep on March 3 in his home in Oakland. His partner of 10 years, Bill Shive, was at his ciden.



his side He withstood a long struggle with AIDS that

left him bedrid-den for the past three months. Ewart was co-owner with Bill Shive of Consignments Unlimited, a department store in Oakland. Ewart was co

Known for his cooking ability, Ewart was for a short time a personal chef for Zsa Zsa Gabor.

He is survived by his mother and 10 brothers and sisters, as well as his partner, Bill.

Born and raised in New York City, Ewart lived in San Francisco and Oakland for the past 15 years.

A celebration of his life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 11 at Consignments Unlimited, 6020 Adeline St., Oakland, Open house will be held there from 2 to 4 p.m.

Donations in Ewart's memory should be sent to any AIDS agency.



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### Jerry Lee Moore, M.D. Nov. 22, 1955-Feb. 27, 1990

who loved to travel embarked on his final journey Feb. 27 with family and lov-Dr. Jerry Moo ing friends Winfield D'Ambro sia, Kristen Chestnut and Jo

Dr. Moore came to San Francisco from Kentucky to complete a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital. Despite the crazed schedule of a resident he made close friends and found time to play clarinet in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Marching Band Dr. Moore

When he moved to Los Angeles to take another residency in anesthesiology he missed his friends and the Bay Area terribly, and when lymphoma tragically cut short his medical career he returned to San Francisco

Despite failing health and chronipain he volunteered for the Les-bian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and National Gay Rights Advocates. In ad-dition, he fulfilled a lifelong dream to travel in Asia and South America

Jerry was a wonderful physician, a good friend and if there's a heaven for redheads, Jerry and Lucy are already hanging out together.

A memorial service will be held Saturday March 10 at 11 a.m. at Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St., San Francisco.

### Peter Joseph Humphries

Dec. 30, 1946-Feb. 6, 1990

My brother, Peter, resident of San Francisco from 1976 to 1984, and of Mexico City for the last five years, was always chasing rainbows



Jways chasing rainbows.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, he finally caught one, and passed away. He died suddenly and violently as a result of a gas explosion in his apartment. None of use an every of us can ever really be sure if Peter is now in a better world than

better world than
this one, but I do
know that this
world is now a much poorer one for
having lost him.
He is by

He is buried where he wanted to be, in his beloved Mexico, in a beautiful spot with a view of the mountains that surround Mexico City.

He is survived by his mother, Loret-

Wben:

ta, his father, Robert Emerson, his sister, Leora, his brothers, Robert Michael and Steven, and a multitude of friends everywhere he lived—from Philadel-phia, Virginia, New York and Paris to San Francisco, Peru and Mexico City.

A special mass will be held at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 100 Diamond St., San Francisco, at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 17. Goodbye dear Peter. We will miss you and love you always.

### Wm G. "Bill" Redman May 1, 1929-Feb. 5, 1990



He was cre He was cre-mated and re-turned to the Chicago area where he was in-terned by his loving brother Doug.

Bill was a traveling sales man most of his life and a very suc-

in Detroit when we wanted to go to Chicago; getting me back to the hotel so I didn't miss curfew; we were the "Detroit Pack" and they couldn't break us up; friends yes—lovers no; the twinkle in those blue eyes.

Most of all I'll remember: "You were the guy who walked in when the world walked out!"

I'll have a few for you. —Your special friend, Chip.

### **Dennis Robert O'Neil** May 18, 1946-Jan. 30, 1990

After a two-year battle with AIDS, Dennis died peacefully at Coming Home on Jan. 30.

He is survived by his mother, Arlene, sister Patt Conway, brother-in-law Roger, nieces Jodi and Kenna, grandmother Nelle O'Neil, and a host of relatives and friends.



but was widely known for his musical abilities. He sang and played the piano played the piano or organ for a variety of functions. From 1964 to 1968, he attended the University of Iowa as a business major. He sang with the Old Gold Singers and played in the Marching Band.

In 1968 he moved to Santa Barbara and later settled in San Francisco. Dennis will be best remembered by his many years on the planks of several Tenderloin and Castro bars; the last one being the Kokpit. He was not only a popular bartender, but a friend to everyone. His zany antics and friendliness were matched by his generosity. One of his best loves was the Gay Softball League. He not only was an excellent athlete, but managed several softball teams, both with the GSL and CSL. Some of the best times were spent in his kitchen. He loved to cook and entertain his friends.

All those who knew and loved him

All those who knew and loved him will mourn his passing but will take comfort in the fact that his courageous

battle is over and he is finally at peac We miss you, Dennis.

**Gay Therapists** 

Group to Meet

GAYLESTA, a Bay Area gay

GAY LESTA, a Bay Area gay and lesbian therapist associa-tion, will be holding its first an-nual business dinner Sunday evening, March 18.

GAYLESTA officers will be

elected for the 1990 term at this dinner. Only GAYLESTA members will be eligible to vote,

but all lesbian, gay and bisexual mental health professionals are cordially invited to attend.

includes a banquet dinner at Harbor Village Restaurant in Embarcadero Center and enter-

tainment by gay comedian Tom

GAYLESTA was formed in

1988 to specifically serve the needs of therapists working in

the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities and to address the diverse social, professional and

diverse social, professional and educational needs of their community. Its membership includes MFCCs, LCSWs, MSWs, psychologists, psychiatrists, interns, students and various other professionals in the mental health field.

For more information on GAYLESTA, its next meeting

or the first annual dinner meeting, call Don Mechling, Ph.D.

ing, call Don Mechling, Ph.D. (415) 339-8077 (Oakland), Bud Hinkle, M.A., MFCC (415) 255-7346 (San Francisco), or Jan Chess, Ph.D., MFCC (415) 474-9985.

The cost to attend is \$25 and

insurance industry these days, because it makes me foam at the mouth and this is bad for my computer keyboard. Even the mainstream media now acknowledges that the private health insurance system is fast breaking down, largely but not entirely due to the AIDS epi-

Health insurance companies, whatever their highly paid lawyers, executives, salesme and PR-types say, do not exi to provide for your health needs. They exist to make a pro-fit. People who say that our health insurance system has failed don't understand this. The companies have not failed, because while they've done a lousy job of meeting our health needs, they've excelled at make ing money.

Overall, the insurance industry has responded to the AIDS epidemic by finding ways to dump unprofitable patients and only insure people who don't need health insurance.

In addition, they try to get rid of the unprofitable patients they already have. For example, about a year ago a friend of mine was hospitalized with a mine was nospitalized with a bad case of pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, and after-ward requested to be put on aerosolized pentamidine. His insurance company refused. At that time pentamidine was only officially recommended for people who had had two bouts of PCP. So he had to wait, and sure enough he got it again. He survived it—barely, no thanks to them. Were they hoping he wouldn't, and that they'd be free of an expensive patient?

# **Insurance Atrocities**

Listing health insurance in-dustry atrocities would take a book. There's the refusal to fund "experimental" treatments—when the majority of HIV treatments are experimental. There are the cases of PWAs illegally dumped by their in surance companies, smug in the knowledge that the person will die long before the case comes to court. There's the trend

toward trying to put a "cap" on the amount that can be paid for HIV treatment, usually \$5,000 or \$10,000.

Unlike the countries where there is a socialized medical system responsible for the health of the entire community, health care in the United States is a bonus, a perk available only only for as long as it is pro-fitable to do so. If you don't have the bucks, you depend on whatever handouts you can get.

Tens of thousands of people live in daily fear that the federal government won't renew its AZT subsidies. A man in Alabama stole a VCR so that he would get sent back to prison—the only place he could get any treatment for HIV. All of America's cutting-edge technology may as well be on the moon for all the good it does those of us without the bucks.

And all of the above gloom and doom is about the system that I, just last week, said is producing the fastest and best research on treatments for HIV! Next week I'll look at how this system could be improved

# Clinical Trials I'd Like To See—But Won't

Megace vs. Marijuana. Megace is a treatment for wasting syndrome, or weight loss increasingly found in PWAs. No one knows how it works for sure, but megace appears to act like a female hormone that boosts the appetite. When you give a female hormone-like substance to a man, it sometimes has the side effect of inhibited sexual desire, or impotence.

Another proven treatment Another proven treatment for loss of appetite in cancer patients is THC, the chemical found in marijuana. Unlike megace, pot tends to increase, rather than inhibit, sexual desire.

My study: Randomly assign "subjects" to blindly receive one or the other of these two drugs, and see how effective they are and what side effects they produce. Alas, the FDA will never approve this study, as the "war" on drugs takes priority over the war on AIDS.



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# Running

Lesbian attorneys Kay Tsenin (left) and Donna Hitchens have entered the race for seats on the San Francisco Superior Court. Tsenin is running against Judge Carlos Bea, who was appointed to the post last month by Gov. George Deukmejian. Bea is a member of the male-only Olympic Club. Tsenin is former vice president of California National Organization for Women. Hitchens is opposing Judge Jerome Benson, who was also appointed to the post last month. Benson, a former member of the Olympic Club, resigned from the group only after he was appointed to the bench. Hitchens is a founder of the Lesbian Rights Project, now the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

# Phone Sex

Robert Bray, press spokes-man for the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, said Helms understood the relationship be-tween the gay press and phone sex and knew what he was doing when he tacked the restrictive law onto a Department of Health and Human Services appropriations bill.

"He knows that the gay news syndicate is very widespread and has caused him harm," Bray said. "It's definitely his at-

tempt to silence us."

"It clearly illustrates the need for many gay publishers to diversify their advertising. Helms is fully aware of the power of the gay press. He quite often waves The Blade, The Native, Gay Community News and even *The Bay Area Reporter* once, from the floor of the House,' Bray said.

The law provides for a \$50,000 fine and up to six months in jail for violations.

"It doesn't ban phone lines outright. It does make them difficult to reach by mandating the telecommunications companies to require pre-subscriptions?'

According to Bray, regional telephone companies deal with the law differently. In the District of Columbia, for example, the phone company sent out return postcards asking customers to indicate whether they wanted access to the sex line services.

Bray said that the sex line services provide safe sex outlets for gay men. He pointed out that the phone sex industry is a \$2 billion industry, has made a lot of money from gays and should be putting some of those funds back into the community. back into the community.

# Charles Pierce at the Plush Room

# Long Live the Queen

The Queen is back, and He's never been more high strung, or more strung out on bull's-eye impersonations, crazy jokes, foul ad-libs, queer asides and the essence of camp. How did we ever maintain our composure during His absence?

In the years that Charles Pierce had been schlepping around the nightclub circuit—playing rude dives where the parquet punishes you back, to upscale palaces where chi-chi isn't your poodle's name but whet you train in the service. what you are—in those many years of Pierce's career, I've had time to finish high school, col-lege and several careers, lose my hair, lose a decade, and look up to find a whole crowd of fresh young pups just finishing college, just starting to lose their hair, and just begging to take my job. We're talking longer than a cruise to Key West.

So although the song insists So although the song insists that life is an endless cruise, when Charles Pierce announced several years ago that he was disembarking from his nightclub career, we understood. I mean, she's barged around the world, honey, and she's not even doublehulled! Give a girl a break.

Which is not to cay we didn't

Which is not to say we didn't miss him, or begrudge his desire to build a (non-touring) career in television and film. But after playing himself in *Torch Song Trilogy*, the scripts had not been piling up as high as his high heels—or even his casual pumps. So as he resumes his nightclubbing, we rejoice per-haps not in his need to return to us, but in our need to have him back. Because we do need him around. Always. Life is far too normal without him.

Here, in an especially irreverant evening titled, "The Legendary Hollywood Ladies: All Talking, All Singing, All Dancing, All Dead," the master brings us "Tallulah Bankhead talling filthy hediing styries to telling filthy bedtime stories to the kiddies, and Mae West drawling one liners straight from her ever-undulating hips. He brings us a whirlwind tour

through "The Ladies Who Wore Turbans"—Maria Montez and Montezuma, and a glorious Gloria Swanson. He brings us brief visits from Bar-bara Stanwyck and Marilyn Monroe, and, best of all, a long scall with an utterly algonorus. spell with an utterly glamorous

The real Bette did everything The real Bette did everything she could to tarnish our memories of her before she died. So Pierce gives Bette a brilliant buffing, recapping her career, enacting her greatest roles, and going farther over the line than ever with her braying cound her tone deafness her sound, her tone deafness, her irrhythmic speech and spasmodic body English. This spasmodic body English. This Bette even complains that she's tired of everyone "doing" her, and proceeds, in a devilish number called "Doing the Bette" that is a tour de force vehicle for Pierce, to demonstrate exactly how her many-faceted skills should be enacted.

It's the pinnacle of imper-It's the pinnacle of imper-sonation (like most of Pierce's work), at once an homage to the subject and a biting satire. It's the quintessence of gay per-It's the quintessence of gay per-forming style—so aware of itself. It delivers an illusion as reality, yet simultaneously punctures our belief with caustic comments on the delivery, our role as audience, and even the performer's role as queen. It's a many-layered art, and no one's as layered at it than Pierce, going at it full tilt in this fresh, snappy, and (surin this fresh, snappy, and (surprise!) largely new show.

When Pierce retired from the stage, voluntarily abdicating his position, he seemed to be saying he wasn't The Queen. Now, just as in his act, where he hits on a communal nerve with the self-recognition uniting us within a famous Davis line, we have a chance to personally tell him: Butcha are, Blanche, ya

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Charles Pierce as Bette Davis.

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# GREATER BAY NEWS **BAY AREA REPORTER**

# Gay Political Groups Cool To Van de Kamp Campaign

John Van de Kamp was delivered a major setback Tues-day when the Harvey Milk Les-bian/Gay Democratic Club denied him a recommendation for endorsement.

The vote of the committee was 22 votes against recommending a candidate for governor with 18 voting in favor.

This means the automatic endorsement of Van de Kamp for governor by the Milk Club can no longer be taken for granted when the club meets on March 27.

Club leadership is still bristling about Van de Kamp's failure to mention gay rights when he came to the Castro last week to announce his can-

At the same time, the membership is cognizant of polls that show Dianne Feinstein strongly overtaking Van de

"He wants us to hand it (the endorsement) to him on a silver platter, and we are not willing to do that. We are not just going to make this automatic.

"It would be a mistake if we ve blanket endorsements without alerting politicians that we are still here and we have a great deal of needs. We want to get the best deal for the gay community. If it is Van de Kamp or if it's Feinstein, we want to get something out of that," said Bob Dockendorf, Milk Club president.

Jean Harris, the chair of the club's Lesbian/Gay Empower-ment Committee, said, "I am sick and tired of giving these blanket endorsements to can-didates and expecting them to follow through on the les-bian/gay agenda:"

"I want to hear from Van de "I want to hear from Van de Kamp and Feinstein about what their agenda is, especially around AIDS and domestic partners. Nobody is automatically getting our endorsement this time around without giving us some answers," Harris said.

Dockendorf said the club wanted to see each candidate's wanted to see each candidate's position on funds for early intervention for AIDS testing, a program for AIDS funding in the lesbian/gay community, the assurance that hate crimes are covered in the candidate's law and order package and a commitment to sign legislation pro-hibiting discrimination because of sexual orientation, such as AB 1.



John Van de Kamp

"I think we also must look at "Ithink we also must look at people's past histories, what their past achievements and what they're offering now," Harris said. "If Dianne Feinstein wants to come up with a package and tell me she is going to be there for lesbian and gay rights, then I am willing to listen to her right now. I don't have my vote on anybody right now."

Hadley Roff, a Feinstein staf-fer, said, "We are absolutely not writing off any club. We want a fair shake, we want to make a presentation and will make every effort to get the endorse-ment."

His comments follow three major polls that show Feinstein shooting past all other Demo-crat and Republican candidates to now take the lead.

"We are obviously interested in widening the support and certainly we will be anxious to have any endorsement or help we can get?

The change in attitude regarding gay club endorsement follows Van de Kamp's easy endorsement by the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club and last week's endorsement by the Stonewall Demo-cratic Club.

Roff acknowledged that Feinstein's support had come primarily from individuals, not gay clubs. That support has in-creased dramatically in the last

"There have been staunch supporters but what is happening now is that calls are just pouring in with people from all communities," he said.

The new life for the Feinstein campaign comes at a time when Van de Kamp's campaign appears to be hurt, not only from the polls, but from his decision not to mention gay rights when he announced for governor last

"I think that was absolutely hideous," Harris said. "Is that what we are to expect in the future? He has this opening community meeting almost in the middle of the Castro and he doesn't even mention lesbian and gay people. You know, what that signaled to me is that we have to be extremely careful about who we are endorsing and we better get some specifics from these people because I'm not selling my soul to nobody for nothing."

Dockendorff also expressed disappointment with Van de Kamp's kick-off speech.

"It seems to be a reaction to "It seems to be a reaction to a perceived conservative reaction to the voters. It's happening with politicians saying less and less about our concerns," he said. "If you don't keep those things in front of the plublic, they forget where you are coming from. They forget about the issues. It is becoming less popular for liberal Democrats to talk about such things, especially in Southern California." California?

Duane Peterson, a spokes-person for Van de Kamp, said the candidate had a long and strong record of support in the gay community, especially in Southern California

"He goes to the MECLA (a Southern California gay political action committee) dinner every year," he said, "and has been honored by that organiza-tion for his commitment to gay causes. Van de Kamp's record on gay rights should not be judged simply bo one speech."

Van de Kamp makes his first appearance before a gay group as a candidate Saturday, March 10 at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Feinstein appeared at the club

To date, neither of the two candidates have appeared at a gay event in Northern Califor-nia since announcing their intent to run for governor.

Though Van de Kamp has received the Alice endorsement, he has yet to appear at the club since they committed their support last Fall.

# De Frank Center **Needs Board Members**

The Billy DeFrank Community Center is looking for interested people to become members of the Center's Board of Directors.

There are three vacancies on the Board that need to be filled at the March 12 center membership meeting. You must be a member of the Center for 60 days prior to being elected and must have a desire to help the Center and the Community by donating your time and Interested people need to attend the March 12 meeting and indicate their desire to run for election. If you are interested and have any questions, please call the Board President, Neil Christie at (408) 280-3992.

The DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center is located at 1040 Park Ave. in San

# Friday

Weicker for Governor

Lowell Weicker, one of the most pro-gay rights Republicans ever to sit in the U.S. Senate, is running for governor of Connecticut as an independent, and here's hoping the gay rights groups in the East get behind his candidacy.

### **Double Standard?**

And in Atlanta, gay and lesbian activists say they "are satisfied" with the crude "apology" from Martin Luther King, after he showed his homophobic side.

King, the son of the slain civil rights leader, had told middle-school students in Poughkeep-sie, N.Y., that "something may be wrong in the make-up" of gay people.

"Any man that has a desire 'Any man that has a desire to be with another man has a problem... and that applies to any woman who has a desire to be with another woman,' King was quoted as saying.

But, during a meeting with gay-rights activists in Atlanta, the younger King "apologized" and, now supposedly, all is well.

I guess if your name is King, gays and lesbians in Atlanta will accept anything. Who would have thought the son of one of America's greatest ever civil rights leaders could turn out to be a bigoted homophobe?

### Zsa Zsa Again?

Well, it seems Paul Kramer, Well, it seems Paul Kramer, the Beverly Hills cop which the has-been actress slapped last year, has now slapped Gabor with a \$10 million civil suit. Kramer said he could forgive the slap, but the final straw came when, on Dec. 6, Gabor, appearing on a Cable News Network show, said that Officer Kramer was on drugs and a cer Kramer was on drugs and a homosexual.

### Women on the Move

Newsweek magazine had a feature story last week on "San Francisco's women politicians on the move," complete with photos of Feinstein and U.S.

Rep. Barbara Boxer (not together, incidentally).

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ing down. I'm encouraging them to apply for prevention funds."

"As a member of the commission's budget committee, I intend to watch the request for proposal process to see that mi-nority gay and bisexual men are treated with a little more equi-Gray told the Bay Area Reporter.

According to Health Commissioner Jim Foster, the reason the Health Department mandates that contracts are sent out to bid is to ensure that the city can get the best services for its funding dollars.

"I'm not at all convinced that we have underfunded prevention and education ser vices in minority communities We've given them a piece of the pie', Foster said. "Some have failed to perform the educational work that needs to be

In minority communities, the incidence of AIDS has occurred among gay minority

"The institutions that we have funded were responsible to us to reach those groups. They have not directed their efforts to these groups. Those com-munities being affected by high seroprevalence rates have to be reached. If the institutions are

not able to do that, we have to find some that are," Foster said.

Who are the AIDS preven-tion and education service pro-viders in San Francisco? What services do they provide and how much do those services cost?

In Part 2 of this Bay Area Reporter investigative series, re-porter Dennis Conkin explores these hard-hitting questions and provides some surprising

# **Epidemiological Trends**

Sometime in Spring 1991, if epidemiological trends continue, the number of persons diagnosed with AIDS in San Francisco will reach—then surpass—10,000.

The statistics remain grim.
As of Feb. 28, there have been
8,057 diagnosed cases of
AIDS—114 of those diagnosed were women. There have been 5,324 deaths. In February alone there were 163 reported cases and 105 deaths.

and 105 deaths.

In the nine years that the San Francisco Department of Health has been keeping AIDS statistics, 81.9 percent of the reported adult and adolescent AIDS cases are among white gay and bisexual men, 599 cases among A Frican-American men, 157 cases among A san gay and 157 cases among Asian gay and bisexual men, and 15 cases among American Indians.

# Vaccine

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Unlike some potential vac-cines under development, this one is only preventative and not therapeutic and isn't seen as a likely treatment for people already infected with HIV.

The goal of the trial is to make sure that HGP-30 has no ill effects on people, rather than to test its effectiveness in preventing HIV infection. To some degree, the effectiveness of the new drug will be evalu-ated by monitoring the subject's immune system response to it, but testing vaccines re-mains a major block in their de-

"You could knowingly expose someone to HIV," Kahn said. "There's no understanding of exactly how to test a vac-cine. Perhaps it could be done by providing it to high-risk populations—as was done with the Hepatitis vaccine."

The new drug was developed by two small East Coast biotechnology firms, Alpha 1 Biomedical and CES-SCI

by Nez Pas he Imperial Star Empire is on a "royal road to revelry these next two months!

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**Imperial Star Events** 

Sunday, March II, World Famous Turf Club: Star Search and Talent Contest and Beer Bust. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. with a search for Alameda p.m. with a search for Alameda County's most talented per-formers (as in lime light, not night light!). It's only \$5 entry fee per act, with prizes going to 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Judging will be done by the audience. Pro-ceeds benefit ISE Charity Ac-

Friday, March 16, Bill's Eagle: Cavalcade of Stars hosted by Imperial Crown Prinnosted by Imperial Crown Prin-cess Cathy Heart. This will be a "show of shows" with enter-tainers from all over the Bay Area. There will be the usual raffles and prizes, with the show starting at 9 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the ISE General and Charity accounts, 50/50.

Saturday, April 7, Driftwood Lounge: The Kelly Moore Awards. The "camp awards" Awards. The camp awards has returned to Alameda County. This event will announce the winners of the coveted (?) merits (?) by the community. Watch for nominations and voting at your favor-ite Imperial Palace/Royal Pub.\* This event, starting at 9 p.m., will be hosted by ICP Cathy Heart, and will have lots of fun and entertainment.

Sunday, April 8, Big Mama's: ISE's Annual Easter Basket and Bonnet contest. Submit your decorated baskets and bonnets by 4 p.m. to be in competition. Baskets are voted on by attendees who purchased tickets (3/\$1), for the prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10. Baskets are donated and delivered to Fair-mont Hospital AIDS patients. Bonnets are auctioned and prizes awarded. This event will be hosted by the fabulous Tim and Fina. Proceeds will benefit the ISE Charity Account.

# Chantry to Cloaca (A "Former Revol" Nose)

With only two shows under their collective belts, the Revolettes have re-grouped to do their biggest extravaganza yet! Titled: "From the Chapel to the Gutter," this event will be Solution of the Cutter, in Sevent will be hosted by Empress Ginger and Suzie Wong, with the MC duties going to "Fabulous Flame" Special performances will be by Stephanie, Morgan

The festivities will be held Saturday, April 28, at Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur, Oakland. The time mentioned on the flier is 7 p.m. I'm assured it will begin at 7 sharp!

The price of admissionyou can get a ticket!—is \$12 advance and \$15 at the door (this includes the show, dancing and dinner). Tickets just might be scarce, because I was told that several tables of 10 had been sold way before the fliers even came out. But check your favorite bar before relying on the scalpers!

The evening's performances will benefit The Center in Oak-land and Project Inform (which distributes free information on immunodeficiency ailments and just recently joined the Community Research Alliance in San Francisco.

Oh yes, the Revolettes are Stella, Philicia, Penelope and Dottie (Steve, Phil, "Cakes" and Richard.)

# Gallimaufry (A "Mish-Mash" Nose)

The Living/Dying Project is offering a community training program, "Healing Our Lives." This training is intended for those who personally wish to explore these issues in their own lives, those already working with people with a life-threatening illness and those wishing to join the voluntgeer outreach program of the Living/Dying Project.

The East Bay session will be Saturday and Sunday, March 24/25, Trinity Methodist Church, 2362 Bancroft, Berkeley, Call Riley Miller, 488-4617, for further information and

Bob Sandner is at DJ's in Walnut Creek on Tuesday nights this month. At the piano bar on weekends is Lincoln Brooks, from 9 p.m.

Bench & Bar not only has dancing nightly, but also on Sundays try their brunch from 11:30 to 3; Country/Western from 7 to 10; and Variety Shows/West Jockey Shorts contest/alternate Sundays at 10 contest (alternate Sundays at 10 p.m.). And B&B is serving dinner again, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. Check out their "after hours breakfasts" on Fridays and Saturdays from 1:30 to 4 a.m.

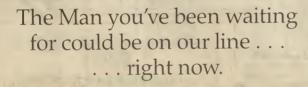
Debbie Dirt reports from Sacramento: "On Feb. 18, at the Mercantile Saloon, "Not Necessarily The News: A New Concept" did its second performance. I produced this AIDS program and \$100 was raised from donations and \$50 raised from donations and \$50 was raised from donated food. Someone broke into the "Merc" and stole the AIDS money, all the lottery "scratchers" and some liquor. Also, this is the latest information about CGNIE, Inc.: 1 candidate for Empress; 0 for Emperor, 8 for Board of Directors! 'Is the Imperial Empire tors! 'Is the Imperial Empire falling apart?' "

The list of ISE Imperial Palaces/Royal Pubs does not include one bar in Hayward and two bars in Oakland.

Tickets are going fast on that raffle for the 1974 Datsun 260Z. The tickets are only a buck each and are on sale at many East Bay bars. The winning ticket will be drawn at T&C after the annual Softball Game between the guys/gals, to be played Sunday, May 20. (I was informed that since I cheat was informed that since I chear less at first base than behind home plate, I'm back to "coaching" first again.) Moi? Cheat? Valerie, how could you think such a thing?!!!

Isn't it great that people who prefer Los Angeles to the Bay Area already live there? I can smile at that while the count down continues. Love, Nez

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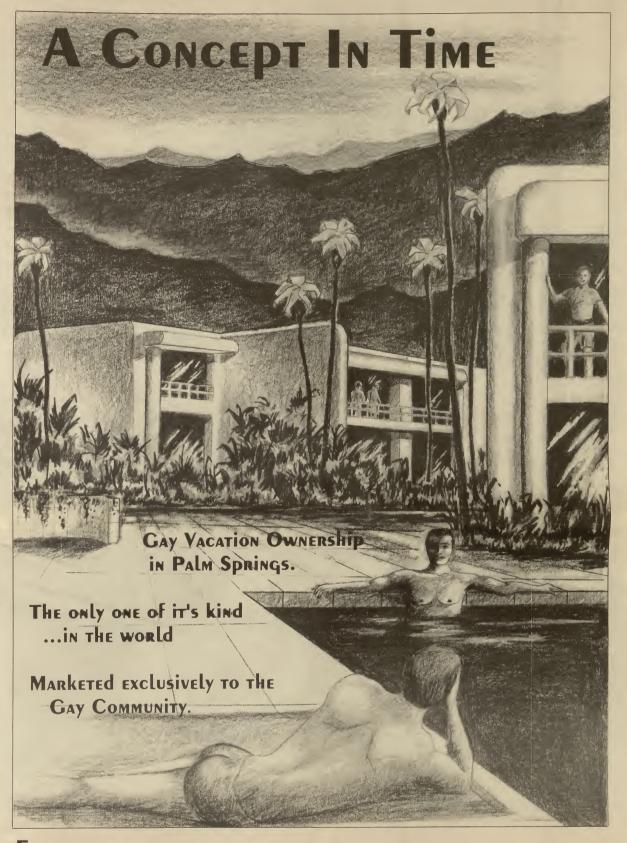
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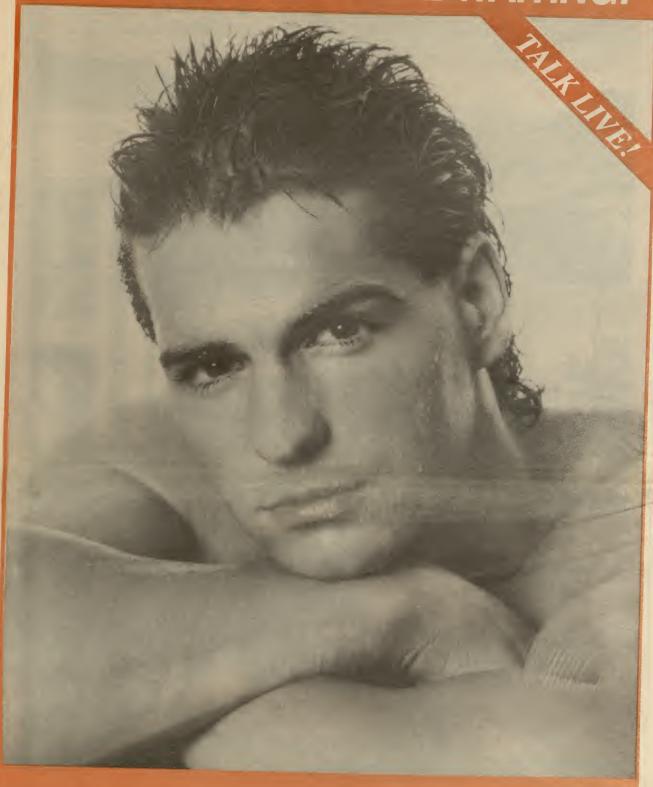
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# Arts & Entertainment

# Out of the Closet, Onto the Screen

# Gay Film Historian Vito Russo Returns to Roxie

by Patrick Hoctel

7 ito Russo is busy. He is also a liar. This writer/ activist/ teacher/ person with AIDS, who tells me more than once that the biggest change in his life is that he's finally learned to say no to others, is booked up, as far as I can tell, into 1992.

This spring the celebrated author of *The Celluloid Closet*: Homosexuality in the Movies, which still enjoys brisk sales, is taking his three-hour TCC lecture on the road across the U.S. in a series of benefits for the Lambda Legal Defense Fund, which battles AIDS discrimina-tion cases. He will be one of the keynote speakers at the Interna-tional AIDS Conference later

Currently, Russo is teaching for the first time. At UC Santa Cruz he's helming two courses, one based on TCC and another, Documenting Gay Activism, which tracks the progression of the gay movement through archival documents and video-tape. When he returns to New York, he will resume his ac-tivities with ACT UP, among other organizations.



Always on the go: Vito Russo pauses (for a moment) at the Out Write conference this past

This firebrand, whose work has lately spawned gay film courses here at City College and at UC Berkeley, is not one to mince words. He loves a good fight and talking to him you get the impression that he relishes his enemies—there are a few—almost as much as he does his friends. Controversial, witty

not to mention a whole lot of fun, Vito Russo continues to be a model for-and inspiration to

Sunday, March 11, Russo

presents his famous *The Celluloid Closet* lecture, with new footage and observations, at the Roxie in a benefit for the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. For advance tickets, phone 861-5245.

It's been almost a decade It's been almost a decade since the publication of *The Celluloid Closet*. A tremendous amount of work went into that book, two years of research, one-and-a-half years to write. What was the initial impetus for it?

At the time, there was only one book published on the sub-ject. That was Parker Tyler's Screening the Sexes. It's a brilliant book—he was a brilliant man—but not accessible to a wide public. It was more or less theory, gender and sexual theory.

I wanted a book that was conventional, that concentrated on Hollywood, and would do the foundation work that I felt Parker Tyler's book didn't do. Parker Tyler wrote a book for a very rarefied audience in terms of the issues of sexuality, and it



# All Part of the Process

performing for six years and I had to get back. I took on character roles, and I began to wonder if I did it too soon. Peo-

ple have come to think of me as those parts and, when they come into the theatre, they don't know what to expect any-

more. I suppose there are some people who are just glad I'm

still around and who come to the theatre to see how I'm

"It's all integrated,

my performing and

the things I write

about in my books."

holding up. But people are confused. Will she be like Weezer in

Steel Magnolias, or maybe Madame Souzatzka, will she do

dramatic readings or is she going to lecture on metaphysics?" What MacLaine does in her current show is much closer to the high energy song and dance

by Robert Julian

n her first book, Don't Fall off the Mountain, Shirley MacLaine talked about stardom, the loss of privacy and her need for public approval.

She candidly observed, "I wanted to be wanted. I needed to be appreciated. I did what I did to win their approval. . . I was terrified that I would disappoint them."

Twenty years have passed since MacLaine wrote those words. In the interim, she has won an Oscar, appeared in numerous film and stage productions and achieved worldwide success as a best-selling author and metaphysician. When she calls me from Seat-tle, where she is appearing in the new musical review, *Out There Tonight*, I read the an-cient quote and ask how different today's Shirley MacLaine is, from the woman who wrote

"Not much," she replies. "I still need that feedback, that gratification. It's one of the reasons I'm doing this show."

For a woman in her fifties. there are easier choices. Traveling around the country, singing and dancing eight shows a week, requires energy, stamina and concentration. MacLaine herself could provide a dozen good reasons for *not* doing a show like this, but none of them have kept her away from the footlights.

"I've been away from live Second of Two Sections

routines that made her a Hollywood star. She includes bits from what she refers to as "my from what she refers to as "my hooker past;" and her tribute to choreographers, an integral part of her last live performance tour, has been expanded and updated. But after the show closes in San Francisco, MacLaine has no definite "I'm going to see how I feel.
I'm looking at several film projects and I don't know if I want
to take the show to New York.
I wanted to see if I still had
what it takes to do a musical.
But I was performing for
several weeks in Texas on a concrete floor and it almost killed
me. I've been using the meditame. I've been using the medita-tion system I describe in my book, involving colors and the chakra system, to prepare for each performance and relieve the physical strain."

**Ongoing Quest** 

The book in question, Going Within, was just released in paperback last week. It describes MacLaine's ongoing spiritual quest and explains several different meditation techniques. In addition, it delves into the more esoteric topics of paschic average and topics of psychic surgery and quantum physics. The book's penultimate chapter describes her encounter with physicist Stephen Hawking while he was preparing the manuscript for his best-seller, A Brief History of Time: From the Big Bang to Black Holes.

MacLaine's writings have brought her both praise and scorn, and actually helped define a genre of thought. She is known as one of the major proponents of the "New Age" or "New Thought" movement, which skeptics succinctly reduce to the generic category

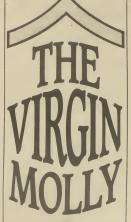
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# Thrill in the Air

by John F. Karr

f you can remember the stirring emotion that swept over you at the first Gay Games as hundreds of gay and lesbian athletes from all over the world marched onto the field, you'll understand how the country's first national gay and lesbian writer's conference seized its members

Sitting in the Cathedral Hill Hotel's main convention room to hear the keynote addresses of Judy Grahn and Allen Gins-Judy Grain and Alien Onis-berg, there was an excitement and a thrill in the air: here we were, gathered together and visible to each other at last, nearly 1,200 members of a craft usually practiced in solitude. It was memorable and empowering before even a word was

And we represented our-selves well. We were gay men and lesbian women in a well-balanced mix. We were people of color, we were young and old, and we were united by our interest, our craft, and our responsibilities.

### Writer's Rallying Cry

Writer's Rallying Cry
Judy Grahn, summing up
her long career as a writer,
spoke what seemed the writer's
rallying cry. "In a world that is
dying and being born, there is
not much need in keeping secrets?" she said, adding, in a
statement the assembled writers
identified with strongly, that
she felt proud of herself for
"sharing this great and terrible
load, and sharing it publicly." load, and sharing it publicly.

load, and sharing it publicly.'

It was a weekend of sharing the pride in the effect of our work, and pride in the work itself. Sponsored by The Out/Look Foundation, publisher of Out/Look Magazine, Out Write '90 was a major step in bringing a community of writers (and a minority community at that) toward the mainstream of contemporary mainstream of contemporary

Out Write '90 commandeered one of the city's major convention centers. It played host to between 1,100 and 1,200 writers, who attended two plenary sessions and 29 panels featuring approximately 160 participants/moderators. The speakers, including almost every writer you'd heard of or wanted to meet, were a list that stretched from A to Zed, cap-turing even the formerly elusive Ann Bannon and the ubiquitously illusive Boy With Arms Akimbo.

# Airy Joys, Grievous Burdens

The guests talked about the The guests talked about the art of our writing, its politics and its economics, its airy joys and its grievous burdens. They talked about all forms of writing, from porn to propaganda, from drama and poetry to novels, newspapers and noodling. In every area, the common consent was that "A writer is tied to his community." writer is tied to his community, and must rise and fall with it'' (Robert Gluck); that "When we represent ourselves with exquirepresent ourselves with exquisite accuracy... we have our place on earth" (Allen Ginsberg); and, that "Gay and lesbian writers are particularly privileged... [their work] matters to people and it affects them" (George Stambolian). "It matters."

The convention's last two panel sessions stirringly painted the continuity of gay writing by placing in juxtaposition a splendid group of local writers,



Poet Judy Grahn chats with admirers at the Out Write conference.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)







Clockwise, from above: Question from the floor; Essex Hemphill draws cons-Essex Hemphill draws constant crowd; James Broughton enjoys an interview; listeners fill hallway at "Getting Into Print" panel.

(Photos: Rick Gerharter

who pointed a creative way into the future with the particularly gay voice of New Narrative, and gay voice of New Narrative, and a panel of self-proclaimed "old folks!" Among these lustily cheered pioneers of gay and lesbian writing was the beloved James Broughton, who hoped the panel would be "diverting as well as historical." And such was Out Write '90—diverting, historical, encompassing, informative and inspirational.

Editor's Note: Reports and analysis of individual panels will appear in next week's Bay Area Reporter.



# Time Warp

# New Wave Group Reunites to Benefit Steps

ime travelers will trip out at Slim's on March 15, when some of the most when some of the most popular New Wave bands of the '70s and '80s bring back their music in a benefit for Steps, an empowerment program for people with AIDS.

The bespectacled Barrett Brothers, who formed a group called No Sisters, return to the stage for a rerun of their more infamous music routines. They'll be joined by The Baltmores, an a capella trio; Punk rockers Psycotic Pineapple, and Child's Portion, which is being promoted as a "preteen super group."

Leading the audience through this musical maze will be up to Randee of the Red-woods and Ian Shoales (aka Jim Turner and Merle Kessler of Duck's Breath Mystery The-

The evening will have a special meaning for one of the Barrett brothers, Peter. His AIDS diagnosis is what prompted him to seek help from Steps, the organization which has given him support to cope with the disease.

"I've been fighting AIDS for about a year and a half now," Peter says. "I took the Steps

program in the fall of '89, and

I found it really inspiring.

"I went into Steps with a lot of fears. Obviously, anybody who has HIV disease in any who has HIV disease in any stage is very fearful about what their future is going to be—whether they should act like a disabled person from day one, or whether they should fight it. Of course, I still wonder what's going to happen, but I have less of that 'on edge' panic about it. I think that's directly a result of working with them.'

Based on proven cancer.

Based on proven cancer therapies, the aim of the 11-week Steps program "is to provide a model of psychosocial intervention for the AIDS crisis which will transcend the limitation of current approaches and make a positive, decisive difference in the lives of those most affected by it."

### **Popular Rockers**

The positive power of music is the way the Barretts have chosen to fight AIDS. For five years, from 1977 to 1983, their group entertained throughout group entertained throughout San Francisco. No Sisters now returns to the stage with friends, reunited in a rocking and rolling romp through the



Peter Barrett belts one out at the "Fab Mab" Mabuhay in the early '80s. Brother Tim, deeply moved, looks on.

(Photo: Michael Jang)

# Photo Portfolio At Fraenkel

"The Indomitable Spirit," a major new limited edition portfolio opens at Fraenkel Gallery, 55 Grant Ave., on March 14. The portfolio is comprised of 10 previously unpublished photographic works by John Baldessari, Chuck Close, Jan Grover, Annette Lemieux, Duane Michals, Richard Prince, Robert Rauschenberg, Cindy Sherman, Bruce Weber and William Wegman.

Just published in an edition

Just published in an edition Just published in an edition of 50, the portfolio is a central fundraising tool of Photographers & Friends United Against AIDS. The portfolio is the result of the cooperative efforts of "Photographers & Friends" and several major photography dealers, and will be available through galleries nationwide.

One hundred percent of the proceeds of the sale of the port-folio will benefit Photographers & Friends' designated na-tional beneficiaries, the Amer-ican Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) and the National Community AIDS Partnership (NCAP).

For more information, phone 981-2661.

# Free Media Workshop at KGO

The Public Affairs department of KGO television will hold a free media workshop for representatives of non-profit organizations on Wednesday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to

The half-day workshop is designed to help participants gain access to air time on KGO. gain access to air time on KOO. The station will provide information on the writing and submission of public service announcements and news releases, on approaching local program producers, and on obtaining news coverage.

In addition to the above, the workshop will also cover the strategies and tips that might increase a group's chances of getting air time.

For more information, or to reserve a space at the workshop, phone 954-7736.



No Sisters, here circa 1982, sported a ''used car salesman geeky look.'' Front to back: Peter, Tom, Dave and Tim Barrett.

At the time they were perfor-At the time they were performing, Peter did not publicize the fact that one of the Barrett brothers was gay, "Now I feel it's important that people know," he explains. "It's not necessarily a big issue in my life, but I'm not hiding anything."

Each of the Barretts bring his Each of the Barretts oring his own special talents to the group: Tim is principal com-poser and guitarist; Tom plays bass; Dave is on the keyboards and makes the saxaphone sing; and Peter laughlingly describes himself as "lead vocalist."

"Laughter is a very healthy thing," Peter stresses. "God knows we're having a lot of that in the rehearsals. First of all, remembering the songs. Ten years later, some of this stuff can be pretty absurd and silly. Some of it was silly to begin with, but now it's even sillier! We've had a lot of laughs out of it and I'm sure we'll have a lot it, and I'm sure we'll have a lot more once we get to the 15th."

Devotees of the new wave, funk and punk of the '70s will recall No Sisters and their performances at two of the most prominent clubs of that era, the Palms and Mabuhay.

# Help From Jane Dornacker

Peter credits the late Jane Peter credits the late Jane
Dornacker for helping No
Sisters when the group started
out. "She kind of took us
under her wing and had us
open for her," Peter recalls.
Dornacker was killed in a tragic
helicopter crash; her fame as a
zany comedian and local celebrity came from her performances at the Palms and a later stint as a (as she put it) "trafficologist" for radio station

"The Mabuhay was the punk venue of San Francisco at the time," Peter adds. "Every night of the week they would have upwards of five or six bands playing." No Sisters was one of them, and the brothers started a parallel trend of pop, all wearing glasses and sporall wearing glasses and spor

sit at home and wait to die. That's what I think is the most important message in what we're doing, and I hope that we can be a good example."

"There's nothing that takes more energy than being a rock more energy than being a rock and roll singer, and I hope I can marshal up that much energy for one night. If I can do it, I think people who are in different stages of the disease can do a lot of things that they might not think they can do?'



No Sisters' Peter Barrett at home

ting, as Peter says, their "usedcar salesman geeky look?

Aside from assisting the Steps organization, Peter says, "The whole idea of doing this show is to kind of publicize the notion as much as possible that people with AIDS don't have to

The Steps benefit at Slim's, 333 Eleventh Street (621-3330), begins at 9 p.m., Thursday, March 15. Tickets available at BASS/Ticket Master and Slim's Box Office. \$12 general admission, \$25 reserved balcony seating.







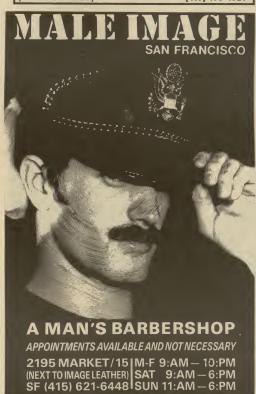


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# The Genius and the Caretaker

in Wells' Gertrude Stein and a Compania which and a Companion, which opens this Saturday at Theatre Rhinoceros, is a memory play about the relationship and love of the famous author and Alice B. Toklas. Wells takes a whimsical—rather than historical—approach to these two famous lives, and uses the classic dramatic device of the dead (Gertrude) commun-icating with her beloved (Alice) from the world beyond. Thus, the two are able to relive, unencumbered by chronology, memories of their lives

(The title of the play comes from Ernest Hemingway's description of the pair—he and Alice had a profound dislike for each other, and he replaced any mention of her name with a reference to her position.)

Starring in Rhino's production are Adele Prandini, who directed the theatre's *Pulp and Circumstance* and *Queen of Swords*, as Gertrude, and Jane Angeles of the Z Collective as Alice. Iris Landsberg, who perferred the land role in *Queen*. formed the lead role in Queen of Swords, directed.

### Conventionally Unconventional

Stein was a genius who needed someone to take of her, and Toklas the caretaker who Toklas the caretaker who "created the background which made it all possible." Alice determined who would and would not be permitted to see Gertrude, and continued to look after Gertrude, even after the author's death, by carrying on with the publication of Stein's work.

There has been renewed in-terest in the production of Stein's own dramatic works in



Revealing "a life behind the legends" are, left to right: Jane Angeles, Iris Landsberg and Adele Prandini. (Photo: Steve Savage)

the last few years, as both women's and gay/lesbian thea-tres have found her work open to interpretation—and ex-tremely provocative, particular-ly in terms of Stein's profeminist approach to physical pleasures. In 1935, she said in an interview, "Literature—creative literature—unconnected with sex is inconceivable. But not literary sex, because sex is part of something in which the other parts are not sex at all?

As far as the lesbianism of Stein and Toklas is concerned, Shari Benstock, in "Paris Les-bianism and the Politics of Reaction, 1900-1940," in Hid-den from History: Reclaiming

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# MacLaine

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of "that Shirley MacLaine stuff?" But MacLaine is unper-turbed by her detractors, and she takes no credit for originating the ideas she presents in print.

"This is not new stuff;" she explains. "I'm not introducing new concepts, they're things that have been a part of Eastern thought and philosophy for centuries. I stumbled across them in my travels and I'm simply introducing them to a new audience."

At least superficially, there appears to be some conflict be-tween MacLaine's life as an author and metaphysician and her career as a singer/dancer/ actress. How do these seemingactress. Frow do these seeming-ly contradictory personalities occupy the same space? Doesn't she find the two differ-ent paths at odds with each

"It's all integrated, my per-forming and the things I write about in my books. I don't see them as separate things anymore, they have become part of one process. It's impossible to separate metaphysics from other subjects because they are all connected."

# Clock-Watching

MacLaine illustrates the connection when we begin to discuss the subject she is currently considering as the theme for her next book: time.

"I want to write about time,



Performer's next book may have theme of time

what it represents and what its significance is in the human ex-perience. It's a topic that's drawing the attention of both metaphysicians and those who work in the physical sciences as well. And it's one of the things I love about live performing. When I'm out there on that stage, it's almost as if time doesn't exist. Even if I'm backstage in the middle of a performance, preparing to go on, I have no concept of time. The moment expands when you're performing live. It's so different from film where you wait forever between takes

"When I was making *The Turning Point*, Mikhail Baryshnikov said he'd find it easier to perform a three-hour ballet every day than make a film, becuase of all the waiting. You have to develop different techniques for handling time when you're working in film."

When we return to the topic

of future projects, MacLaine reaffirms her uncertainty about future plans. She has some ideas, but nothing is definite. Decisions will be made based on how she feels when the time comes

"When to let go, versus when to take charge—that's a dif-ficult proposition—something I'm always considering. It again, is tied into time and wanting to be fully present at the moment and not getting too caught up in the future."

It's clear MacLaine is open to almost any topic and would be willing to discuss everything from tap dancing to astral projection at the drop of an aphorism. But as our conversation draws to a close, I'm force ed to choose between a caval-cade of outstanding performances and the mances and the great metaphysical questions of the ages. Inexplicably, I find myself preoccupied with only one bur-ning question, having to do with familial relations.

"How would you like to have Madonna for a sister-in-law?"

"Oh, God," she laughs. "That's my answer!"

Shirley MacLaine appears in Out There Tonight at the Or-pheum Theatre, 1192 Market St., San Francisco, March 13 through April 8. For tickets phone 243-9001.

Editor's note: Just as the P.A.R. was going to press we received word that a knee in-jury to Ms. MacLaine may cause schedule changes. Check with the Orpheum box office. Psycho Beach Party Author Charles Busch

# His 'Filthiest' Play Ever

by Jay Newquist

harles Busch, whose Vampire Lesbians of Sodom is the longest running non-musical comedy in off-Broadway history, is hitting the West Coast this month with a vengeance only Neil Simon might venture.

Busch's Psycho Beach Party, a gender-confused romp with homage to Mommie Dearest and Marnie, is based on the seminal Gidget film, starring Sandra Dee.

Psycho Beach Party opens March 16 at the Zephyr Thea-tre. If anyone thinks Frankie and Annette own this genre, please meet Chicklet Forrest, who wants to learn to surf, but can't get the boys' interest in giving her lessons.

An abused child from the Joan Crawford school of coat hanger therapy, Chicklet has a multiple personality disorder a la Joanne Woodward in *Three* Faces of Eve. She emotes as a lady killer and a radio call-in psychiatrist, among other per-

### Westward Ho

Why did it take Busch so long to cross the Rockies?

"It's so weird, they've told me for five years my stuff should play in L.A. and San Francisco, and I'd say name the date," Busch said last week.

"There were auditions once, but it just never came about."

Busch said he just "lucked out". this time when he connected with the right people, and while he said he is in constant touch with Jon Rauwerda, producer/director of Psycho Beach, Busch's performance schedule may not permit him to see the production.

The play got a tryout in October 1986 in something called the Limbo Lounge in New York's East Village, a place where tetanus shots are needed for entry. Busch called it "ruins of Berlin."

At the Zephyr, *Psycho Beach Party* will be performed principally by Van Hausman, crossdressed as Chicklett, Blair Sor-by as Star Cat, Steve Sutherland as the Great Kanaka and Eric Newton cr Marvel Ann. cross-dressed

Busch said his play is the filthiest he's ever written. "Gidget was all about sex, repressed sex, how Gidget was flat-chested and will she get screwed or hold out. It's from the prurient '50s, exaggerated a bit, and it gets bawdy.'

Busch said he never really knows who performs Psycho Beach Party across the United States until he gets the royalty checks, but he did receive a call from a student at Holy Cross High School in Maine who wanted to stage the play. "I told her, 'Honey, you'll get run out of town on a rail."

## Source Dictates Tone

Busch said that his plays, specially Psycho Beach Party, especially Psycho Beach Party, take on the tone of the source material, and he was amazed that critics detected an intense, grey streak in his most recent play, The Lady in Question, a parody of anti-Nazi war movies of the '40s that recently closed



Playwright Charles Busch

after a respectable run in New

Not so, Busch said, it was the source material that dictated the tone and he was as off the

Vampire Lesbians of Sodom has now lurched into its seventh year in New York, but Busch has a love-hate relationship with it because he wrote it so fast that he felt there were prob-lems with quality. He has there-fore rewritten half the dialogue for the Los Angeles run, which began March 6, and the script changes will be incorporated into the off-Broadway produc-

"I am so grateful to Vampire Lesbians because I couldn't earn a living as a temp, and now I can work in my chosen field,"
Busch said. "I always knew I could write it better. It was an excuse to dress up that snowballed and we became a theater company."

Busch believes that the key to his success is that his plays are funny and bawdy, but have a sweetness that gay people especially enjoy.

He felt gay people were more



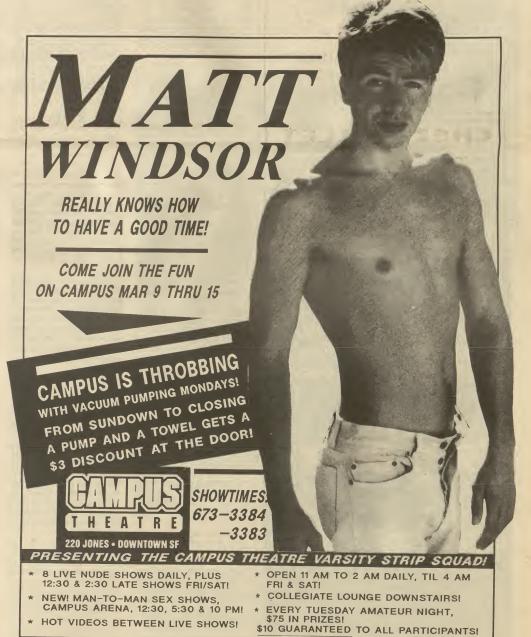
"Chicklett," aka Van Hausman, left, and "Star Cat," Blair Sorby.

oriented toward leather in the 70s and that now they tend to have an appreciation for dress-

Busch professed a great af-finity for San Francisco, from his first solo performance at Theatre Rhino in 1982 to an association for over two years with the Valencia Rose.

At present, his career is making a great shift since he signed a book contract with Harper and Row, which wants 80,000 words by the end of the year. The book is about the eight actors of his Theater in Limbo troupe and their trials and withdrages. tribulations.

Busch said the book would be somewhat true, but how they got where they were going was another matter. "It's a pack of lies, my Auntie Mame odyssey."



# Ripe for Alienation

by Daniel Mangin

fter last summer's San Francisco International Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival press screening of Gregg Araki's *The Long Week-*end O' Despair, a prominent local critic held forth for several moments on what the critic per-ceived as the film's innumerable

"This film shouldn't be seen anywhere," was the conclusion, "not even in a festival."

It probably didn't help the critic's appreciation of Long Weekend, an ambisexual parable of post-college angst featuring six post-punk types having a weekend reunion, that the press screening for the transformation through were transformation-through-verse hit, Dead Poets Society, had occurred the night before. Araki's alienated and highly cynical sextet must have seemed all the more reprehensible in jux-taposition to the ripe-forreformation protagonists of the other film.

The critic for a major Los

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Angeles daily was overheard later that summer to say that Araki needs to have his characters, who even at their liveliest tend toward maudlin preoccu-pation, "grow up." (This latter pation, "grow up." (1 his latter reviewer is presumably not among those in the Los Angeles Film Critics Association who voted Long Weekend their 1989 "Best Independent/Experi-mental Feature" award).

Growing up is indeed what these characters—three these characters—three couples, one gay, one straight, one lesbian—need to do, and why they can't or won't is what makes Long Weekend an intriguing piece of moviemaking. Raised on TV, Patti Smith, the punk revolution and other assorted media influences, Araki's characters, just like the boys in *Dead Poets Society*, have lost the ability to think independently.

Their every utterance—the film is less a narrative than a collection of often witty, sometimes trying, confessions and

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Time to grow up: Nicole Dillenberg in Gregg Araki's Long Weekend O' Depair.

accusations—seems programmed by someone else: an existential text, *The Partridge* Family, peers from their college

Unlike Dead Poets director Peter Weir, Araki, who bills his film as a "minimalist. . . antifilm as a "minimalist... anti-thesis to the smug complacen-cy of Hollywood tripe like *The Big Chill;*" doesn't work toward an easy, noble solution to his characters' malaise, a stance that makes *Long Weekend* all the more convincing as cinema —and as social commentary. At the end of their reunion, he leaves the six pretty much where he found them, namely confused; the audience itself may leave with a heightened suspicion about the formulation of consciousness in these United

As he did with his previous film, *Three Bewildered People in the Night*, Araki shot *Long Weekend* in a grainy, black-and-white style, which, along with the deadpan "acting" lends the

whole proceedings a vaguely documentary—in the Italian neorealist sense—feel. With the exception of some of his interior shots, Araki's visuals are consistently engaging, particularly considering the narrative that motivates them.

Long Weekend gets a too-short run—one screening, to be exact—as part of the ongoing Asian American International Film Showcase. The film screens Tuesday, March 14, 10 p.m. at the Kabuki.

# Spunky Bette Bio

Fasten Your Seat Belts
by Lawrence J. Quirk, William Morrow and Co., 464 pp., \$21.95.

by Will Snyder

During the filming of the climactic scene in *Dark Victory*, in which a dying Bette Davis is about to climb the stairs to her bedroom and instars to her bedroom and in-evitable death, Davis turned to her director, Edmund Goulding, and quipped, "Well Eddie, am I going to act this or is it Max?"

Davis was referring to Max Steiner, the great composer whose melodies in Davis' many films at Warner Bros. seemed to capture the Davis mood so well. When one ex-amines Lawrence J. Quirk's new book on Davis Essen new book on Davis, Fasten Your Seat Belts, the only thing missing from this often fascinating book is a few bars from Steiner's orchestra.

The book gets its spunk from the many interviews that reveal the Davis personality. Quirk, editor and publisher of the film journal, Quirk's Review, shows us the end result of at least 30 years worth of discussions about Hollywood's Best Bette. Not only does he talk to such interesting people from Davis' past such as George Sanders, but also to technicians and less famous performers.

Most of the time, Quirk's efforts work quite well. The book falters only when Quirk gives needless detail about Davis' forgettable films. Then, the book seems to run on and on and on, reminding one of a Joan Crawford melodrama.

Seat Belts goes into rich detail about the tragedies of Davis' life. Her coldhearted father abandoned the family

when Bette was seven and, perhaps, left her on edge about men for the rest of her life. She men for the rest of her life. She had four bad marriages and two abortions. The only child she gave birth to (B.D. Hyman) turned on her by writing a nasty book. An adopted child, Margot Merrill, had brain demace. damage

Quirk has obvious affection for Davis, but the author is objective enough to point out her flaws. Davis, who apparently had an insatiable sexual appetite, made passes at many married men, for instance.

Seat Belts is filled with gay related information. Some of it is Higham-ish in style. (Crawford and actress Miriam Hopkins made lesbian over-tures to Davis.) But some of it has warmth, too. One anecdote concerns one of Davis' soapies, *The Great Lie*, directed by Goulding.

Goulding was known throughout Hollywood as openly gay. But unlike the somewhat arrogant James Whale (the great director of Frankenstein and Showboat), Goulding was loved by most Goulding was loved by most everyone because he happened to be a man filled with personal

During the filming of The During the filming of *The Great Lie*, supporting actor George Brent complained about the size of his role (compared to those of Davis and Mary Astor). Goulding wrapped his arms around the handsome Brent and said, "Well, George, *I* still love you." "That's what I'm afraid of Eddie' laughed Brent, who broke die,' laughed Brent, who broke



ning in All About Eve

the clinch to go to the john.

When Davis jokingly told Goulding not to follow Brent—for fear of tactics Brent learned in the Irish Army—the British director put his hand to his heart, cocked his head and said, "Ah, but some things are worth dying for."

Despite Davis' claim that Despite Davis' claim that there was great harmony on the set of All About Eve, Sanders told Quirk this was not so. He said co-stars Anne Baxter, Hugh Marlowe and Marilyn Monroe were often the victim of Davis' barbs.

"I met her at a party;" Sanders related, "and she turned her back on me without a word. I couldn't resist the word. I couldn't resist the temptation to purr over her shoulder, 'Sour Grapes, Bette' and do you know what she did? She turned around and spit at me!"

The Goulding and Sanders stories are only two of many Quirk gives us. There are many others which make for interesting bedside reading. One passage even has Quirk ex plaining the pro-gay nature of



# Poetry as Play

Presences of Mind: The Collected Books of Jack Sharpless edited by Ronald Johnson, Gnomon Press, 110 pp., \$12.50.

by Thom Gunn

I didn't know Jack Sharpless well, but I often saw him around San Francisco—doing his errands on Haight Street, attending a seminar given by Robert Duncan at the Zen Center dipking in some ber Center, drinking in some bar South of Market, chatting with friends at a street fair, or hurry-ing off on a bus in his black bow-tie to his job as a waiter at the Bohemian Club.

You couldn't miss him: he was tall and thin and handsome was tall and thin and handsome as one of his own poems. But I don't think I knew that he was a poet until I read, in the *Bay Area Reporter*, of his receiving an important prize from Britain in 1985. He died of AIDS, in his thirties, in 1988.

Like the war in Vietnam, AIDS is the subject of much poetry and is also a killer of poets. Neither the poetry about it nor the poets killed by it are necessarily talented, however, necessarily talented, however, which in a way makes the sadness even greater. But no special pleading is necessary for *Presences of Mind*, which is a sturdy and self-sufficient collection. Sharpless was, evidently, a real professional: never having had a single poem accepted for publication, he continued to plan his inclusive tinued to plan his inclusive schemes beforehand and to pare down the poems them-selves until they were an ab-solute minimum. In his work, nothing goes to waste, every word is necessary.

This attractively produced volume is edited by Ronald Johnson, who has supplied a short but tactful and moving introduction. It is subtitled "the Collected Books" because, it appears, Sharpless wrote his brief party poems only as appears, Shaipless whote his brief narrow poems only as parts of "books" or groups. It is debatable whether they are to be defined as suites or serials or something altogether looser.

Perhaps in fact the association between parts is different with each. In the first, "quan-"Quantum" consists of 24 very short poems printed in capitals "as if carving on stone," in Johnson's phrase. Part riddling definitions, part epigrams, they are at once teasing and learned, and so bare that they are almost like proposals for poems, to be completed only in the reader's response.

The spirit of play here in evidence joins with the spirit of learning in the other three

books too. For, make no doubt about it, whatever their sources, the poems are always im-mediately enjoyable, as not all poetry is. "Inroads" is probably the easiest to approach among Sharpless' works, since we all start with some familiarity with the history of Elizabeth I, whose consciousness is speaking it. It consists of a series of half-hourly moments from the last night of the dying queen, all uttered in the same distinctive voice.

The "inroads" of the title may be those that death makes into life—but they may equal-ly well be those that the stillliving intelligence makes into inving intelligence makes into the process of dying. Elizabeth regards her own "lean/& fear-ful/visage" in a looking glass, she catches a tabby cat in the act of watching squirrels through a leaded window of the palace, she recalls the head of Essex on a stake, and sees her present household "cold/ as a/ March/ hare's/ morning/ tracks/ in old/ snow/ at/ sun/ down."
"Inroads" amounts to a new kind of interior monolog, and reads like the flashes from another Gerontion than Eliot's
—a dying, plucky, female Gerontion.

Gerontion.

The third book is "A Soldier in the Clouds: Variations on a Parish Hymn Recurring in Dreams and Nightmares of Aircraftsman T.E. Shaw." Sharpless now speaks through the voice of another English notable, for this is the name under which T.E. Lawrence enlisted in the British air force and army in trying to escape enlisted in the British air force and army in trying to escape from his more famous career as Lawrence of Arabia. He took the name from his friend George Bernard Shaw, to whom he once started a letter "Dear Public Shaw" and signed it, accurately, "Yours, Private Shaw."

Appropriately, this is to be a more private assemblage of utmore private assemblage of ut-terances than the Elizabethan series. His dreams and nightmares, which are about disruption, are endured "in the clouds"—that is, after his death in the motorcycle accident, and they touch not only on the desert war and things of the past, but on the future, on events taking place after his events taking place after his lifetime, the travels of the Windsors in Germany, for example, or the discoveries of loot at Goering's bombed head-



quarters. The method is the same as with Elizabeth, but taken farther—this group being less literal, less sequential, looser in organization and more daring in scope.

Sharpless still uses only one or two words to a line (and for or two words to a line (and for the sake of space I have to run them together when quoting); this has the curious effect of leaving it up to the reader to determine the pace of the verse movement, for it seems to give equal weight to each word. The power of the writing in some power of the writing, in any case, is clear: "&/ a sea/ otter's/ handsome/ surefire/ dives/ through/ mirrors/ of/ flesh." So, for a moment, in this dazzling passage, Sharpless brings together an animal's action and an action of the imagination.

Ronald Johnson tells us, tantalizingly enough, of the book Sharpless was engaged on at his death: "Working Stiffs," which he describes as the "street raps from a defiant roustabout to a deaf universe," but he quotes only six lines from it. The last book in this collection is entitl-ed "The Fall of the X Dynasty," consisting of sixteen generate. ed "The Fall of the X Dynasty," consisting of sixteen separate poems related to the fall of a hypothetical Chinese dynasty. Several of them deal with isolated characters, a maid, a second-class concubine, a pilgrim. One of the best is "The Tyrant". Tyrant'

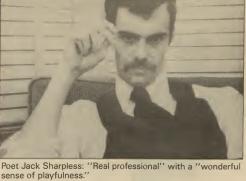
150,000 young soldiers' sweet bodies lined the roads to Llasa and the outer steppes,

yet he sat drinking it up with the old boys, unembarrassed.

In such lines, a little longer now, Sharpless shows us how a couple of touches of restrained irony may do more than a arony may do more than a dozen righteous slogans. "Drinking it up/with the old boys' might seem almost friendly if he didn't elsewhere place the tyrant and his works so precisely, with the words "sweet" and "innembarrassed!" triumphs of understand grief. triumphs of understated grief and contempt. He works through minimal means, and in his poems condensation is not merely a negative virtue but the chief creator of tautness and in-

As I have mentioned already, this volume should be a source of much enjoyment to the reader—for its language, so meticulously controlled, so crisp and condensed, for its quickness and intelligence, for its subtlety of feeling, and for the brightly defined instances of its imagination. There is also the wonderful sense of playfulthe wonderful sense of playful-ness that is never so private that it bores us by making us feel left out. His lightness and charm make us want to play in his poetry as well, and by reading it we do, we do.

A reading of Jack Sharpless' poems will take place March II, 3 p.m., at A Different Light Bookstore, featuring the Rainbow Motorcycle Club Rap Group, Ronald Johnson, Thom Gunn and Joanne Kyger.



# **Bette**

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both Davis (appreciative) and Crawford (appreciative, but patronizing).

# Snarl for Snarl

Sanders informed Davis that he would not put up with any similar treatment. Sounding very much like a line from writer/director Joseph L. Mankiewicz' brilliant script, Sanders said, "I matched her snarl for snarl and bite for

When Sanders won a Best Supporting Oscar for Eve and Davis was upset for Best Actress by Judy Holliday, "Addison DeWitt" decided to rub it into "Margo Channing."

# Sontag, Poet At Herbst

City Arts & Lectures, Inc. continues its annual "On Art and Politics" series with an and Politics' series with an onstage conversation with Nobel Prize-winning poet Czeslaw Milosz and author Susan Sontag. This program will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 in Herbst Theatre and will benefit the Women's Foundation.

Tickets are available at \$13.50 and \$11 through Performing Arts Ticket Service (1182 Market Street, suite 216) and STBS Union Square. For more information, phone 552-3656.



# Lady With A Song

by David Taylor-Wilson

o listen to Nancy Wilson sing is to look in three directions at once. Forard, backward, and here and now. When you look back at her amassed output—51 albums—the first in 1960, you see the roots of today's finest female singers: Anita Baker, Regina Belle, Phyllis Hyman, Chaka Khan, Dianne Reeves, Stephanie Mills, Diane Schuur, Miki Howard, Patti Austin and Randy Crawford.

Looking forward, you can easily see that this fabulous song stylist, this institution of the American music scene, will continue to set standards for quite some time.

In the here and now is Wilson's 52nd album, A Lady With A Song.

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studio to sing bars, I go in to sing full-out songs?

But this woman is more than an interpreter of song, more than a song stylist (as she likes to be called). She *is* the song. She is an extension of the music, the catalyst who can transform what might otherwise be a so-so lyric into an instant classic.

On her new album, Wilson reinforces her reputation for ex-cellence. Listen to "Do You Still Dream About Me" and feel the lump rise in your throat as you recall having thought these very same feelings before, though never with such vivacity.

Wilson reworks the 1977 classic, "Don't Ask My Neighbors," originally done by Neighbors," originally done by the Emotions, with an all-new spirit. And, she is joined by the Emotions as well as Earth, Wind and Fire's Phillip Bailey on background vocals. "This Love Is What I Need" is a wonderful statement of musical confidence in true Wilson style. "Other Side Of The Storm" is a slinky, soulful number.

"Heaven's Hands" is guaranteed to go down in musical history. A gospel song that reportedly began with a few background singers, word got

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Budding movie star? Whitney

out of the recording, and before long the studios were filled with what truly is a heavenly choir. The list of contemporary luminaries is much too long to print here, when you buy the album be sure to read the liner notes. You won't believe the

We rarely put a hands-down guarantee on an album, but we're doing it now. Buy this album. We guarantee it will do overtime on your turntable.

### Li'l Beats & Pieces

Whitney Houston has inked a deal with Tri-Star Pictures to star in a movie with Denzell Washington. Meanwhile, work on her third album is in the post-production stages. Anita Baker continues recording material for her fourth album

Paula Abdul has already begun preliminary work for her second album. She's gonna have to really do one heck of a job to top her first effort, Forever Your Girl, which is quintuple-platinum and the most successful debut album in most successful debut album in

George Michael will report-George Michael will reportedly publish his autobiography later this year. How about that, a guy not even 30 writing his life story! Speaking of Michael, his former Wham! partner, Andrew Ridgeley, is readying his first solo release on Columbia Records. The single is called "Shake."

The legendary Lady of Jazz, Sarah Vaughan, is being treated at Cedars-Sinai Hospital for a cancerous tumor on her right

The **Depeche Mode** album you've been waiting for is scheduled for release next week. It's called Violator and features their current release "Personal Jesus?

Guns N' Roses lead singer Axl Rose had the shit kicked out of him recently at a bar in Paris. Apparently, Rose entered the bar with his fiancee Erin Everly in tow. Everly became the subject of appreciative whistles from four admiring Arab men, Rose responded with, "You slimy camel jockeys keep your whistles to yourselves!" He then proceed-ed to punch one of the men. This resulted in all four of the Arab men working him over in a frenzy of punches. Rose left looking not too pretty.

### We Get Letters

A reader wrote this week and asked if we knew the real names of the men that make up the group Milli Vanilli. Our first reaction was—who cares? But since you took the time to write, here's the answer: Milli Vanilli is made up of Robert Pilatus and Fab Morvan. Both hail from West Germany.

More than likely, you saw the duo capture the Best New Art-ist award at the recent Grammy Awards. Before the show began, they arrived in grand style by limousine. Pilatus, was mistaken for a gate-crasher at the door of the Shrine Auditorium. A scuffle between Pilatus and a police officer ensued, and Pilatus was very nearly hauled off to jail. However, his identi-ty was verified and he was allowed to enter.

Another writer mentioned that we haven't done a musical timetable in awhile, so here goes

### The Steady Beat of Time...

This week in 1931 Cab Calloway records the classic, "Minnie the Moocher."

In 1966, the Cavern Club in Liverpool, an early Beatles hangout declares bankruptcy and shut down. In protest, 100 fans barricade themselves inside the club.

In 1967, the Beatles release "Michelle."

In 1969, the Beatles premiere "Let It Be" on the Ed Sullivan Show by videoclip.

In 1976, Paul Simon wins a Grammy for Best Album. He thanks Stevie Wonder for not releasing anything in the past year. Wonder had won in the same category the previous two

In 1977, Rolling Stone Keith Richards is arrested in Toronto on a smattering of drug charges. He gets off with small jail time and a benefit concert.

In 1983, in Cleveland, a member of the Hell's Angel group testifies before a Senate Judiciary panel that the Cali-fornia branch has had a death contract on Mick Jagger since 1969, fallout from the Altamont concert.

In 1985, **Tina Turner** makes an astonishing comeback, grab-bing three Grammy Awards. "What's Love Got To Do With It" wins Record Of The Year.

In 1988, **Prince** releases the *Lovesexy* album. Illegal copies of his unreleased *Black Album* 

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Smut fest participants the Popstitutes, seen here at a 1989 Yes on S benefit

# Queer, Queer Fun

by Noreen C. Barnes

n Thursday, March 1 at the Great American Music Hall, the Association of Women's Music and Culture (AWMAC) ended its first day of events with the performances by Faith Nolan, Marga Gomez and Two Nice Girls, who seem to pop up everywhere these days. Gomez opened the show and served as opened the show and served as emcee. Her material, always fresh, covered topics from the election in Nicaragua ("the most democratic election money could buy") to the recent Olivia Women's cruise ("A little Michigan, a little Gilligan, Lovehagt, in a parallel. Loveboat in a parallel

Faith Nolan, a self-described ratth Notan, a ser-described "black working-class Cana-dian lesbian" sung a capella as well as handling a 12-string guitar, tamborine and har-monica at the same time. Nolan has a righ, bluesy voice with an has a rich, bluesy voice, with an added edge to it for her own compositions about social and political issues (the powerful

"Iorturer" and the lament for Native American Anna May Aquash), and classic extensions for the songs of Leadbelly, Ma Rainey and Billie Holiday.

She rivaled Leadbelly by ripping into his "Bourgeois Town" and Ma Rainey's "Prove It on Me." Her own anthem, "I, Black Woman" proved to be just as powerful as was her closing number, "Freedom to Love."

Two Nice Girls, which is really four women—original band member Laurie Freelove had member Laurie Freetove had left the band and Gretchen Phillips and Kathy Korniloff are now joined by bass guitarist Meg Hentges and drummer Pam Bargar—opened their allover-the-musical-map set with several numbers from their *Two* several numbers from their 'Wo Nice Girls album. The easy, folk-inspired pieces—'The Sweet Postcard;' ''Goons,'' and ''Follow Me'' were followed by real rock and roll, after which, they switched to country/western with their signature



Versatile virtuosos: Three of the four Two Nice Girls

tune, "I spent My Last \$10,000 on Birth Control & Beer"—all this by mid-set.

Lou Reed's "Sweet Jane" was fused with Joan Armatrading's "With Affection"—all the more impressive when you see them do it in performance—and Phillips (who provided most of the evening's patter to the audience) introduced "a beautiful political number" she wrote for Bush's inauguration, "A Kinder, Gentler Fuck," in which rock met something close to Renaissance madrigal in exquisite harmony, the form of

the piece in ironic contrast to content.

The second part of the set alternated their own composi-tions with their unique covers of the work of other songwriters, a few of which were from their EP, Like A Version, which will be released later this month. Their arrange-ments or versions of the work of others are really revisions, reconstructions—often with a lesbian spin to them, which makes their interpretations arresting, refreshing. Somehow, Hendrix's line: "That girl put a spell on me" from "Purple Haze'' resonates differently when Kathy Korniloff sings the words.

Then they broke into some high-powered rock ("and you thought we were a folk band?") with "I Feel Like Making Love" and "Bang Bang" Love' and "Bang Bang" (about which Phillips wondered what the feminist criticism would be—the image of "the phallus as weapon is turned neatly on its head"), then turned to their own songs, "Let's Go Bonding," "Queer, Queer Fun," "Rational Heart." "Princers of Payer," iolted

"Princess of Power" jolted from soft pop to heavy metal and back again throughout. They encored with "Speed Racer" (yes, as in the cartoon), and "Purple Haze" merged with "Love to Love You"—a transformation into a musical transformation into a musical metaphor for lesbian sex that was very hot.

Guitar solos, clear, beautifully modulated voices, and an ability to tackle any kind of song and make it their own (in addition to their own quirkly pretty compositions), combine to give Two Nice Girls a fresh style that becomes even more enjoyable in watching them perform.



Rich and bluesy: Faith Nolan

# The Beat

continue to circulate simultaneously with the majority of people that have heard it saying it's much better than Lovesexy.

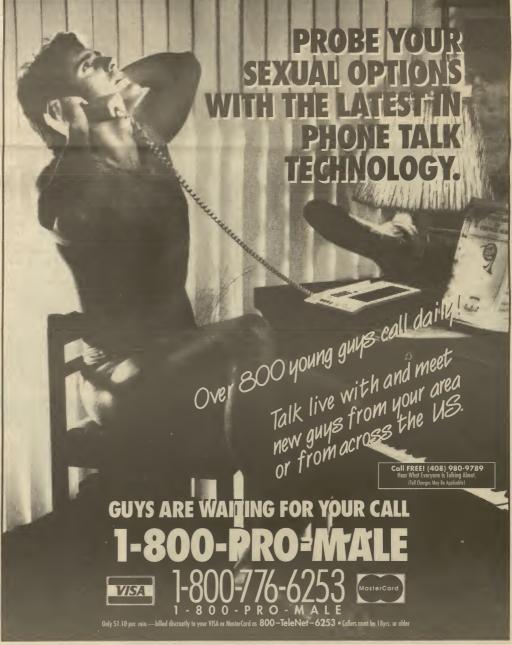
In 1989, Madonna premieres snipits of "Like A Prayer" in a Pepsi commercial during *The Cosby Show.* 

The always satisfying, always outrageous Acid Housewife trio (Dy'n Tomeetcha, Janet Fly and Kitty Stampede) perform tonight at the DNA Lounge (375 - 11th St.( as part of the Smut Fest, a mindbending night of erotic cabaret. Get a babysiter for the kids and a babysitter for the kids and come on down.

Other acts include the Popstitutes and Mermaid Tattoo. Housewife sent us a cassette or two of their reworks, "Wash This Way" (aka "Walk This Way") and "Rubber Glove" (aka "I Feel Love"), as well as two originals, "Cordless Phones" and "Never Git A Man." We haven't stopped laughing yet. See you there. (P.S.: Thanks for the auto-(P.S.: Thanks for the autographed pic!)

# The Rear View

Ten years ago this week, Ten years ago this week, Queen had the No. 1 single with "Crazy Little Thing Called Love." Twenty years ago this week, Sly and the Family Stone was No. 1 with "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice Elf Agin/ Everybody is a Star."



# Mixed Bag from ABT This Year

by Keith White

Injuries in ballet rarely elicit such public sympathy as when, for example, Randy Garder's injury kept him and Tai Babilonia from competing in the winter Olympics. But there was quite an outcry at last Thursday's American Ballet Theatre performance when the new Twyla Tharp ballet, Brief Fling, had to be cancelled due to the injury of one of its dancers, Gil Boggs.

Brief Fling had its world premiere the evening before, and many critics, myself included, who had waited until the second night to see it, were disappointed. American Ballet Theatre is one of the few companies whose touring schedules demand that new ballets are often created on the road, the choreographer traveling along with the company and completing a new work using available rehearsal time. New ballets that are made under such conditions rarely have prepared understudies at the time of their premieres, those other dancers being occupied in rehearsal of their roles in the company's current repertory.

The preparation of Tharp's new work, the only brand new piece ABT presented this year, resulted in the cancellation of Julio Bocca's scheduled appearances in Tharp's Push Comes to Shove; he was too busy learning the new ballet to adequately rehearse it. For Bocca's local fans, and for the

many people who were disappointed in Danilo Radojevic's performance in *Push Comes to Shove*, it was an expensive tradeoff. Yet, according to those who saw the new Tharp ballet, Bocca's new role was worth the sacrifice.

Principal dancer Ricardo Bustamante's injuries cancelled all his local performances, including a scheduled Swan Lake with Christine Dunham. Then Dunham's injury cancelled her appearance as well, finally resulting in a complete cast change for that performance.

With casting and programming so obviously affected by injuries, I'm surprised we don't honor our dancers more, pay them more, take better care of them before, during and after their dancing careers. Yet, unless they have purchased a ticket to see a "superstar" perform, most audience members regard dancers' injuries with neither pathos nor great curiosity about the new cast, though there is so much talent in ballet today that second and third casts of some ballets are often as interesting as the first.

Antony Tudor's 1936 masterpiece, Jardin aux Lilas was substituted for Brief Fling last Thursday night, and given a fine performance. I am told that its lead role, danced by Leslie Browne, has no second cast in readiness. What would they have put on if she'd been injured? Maybe Tharp's Nine

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Sinatra Songs, a company premiere this season that seems, in the contest of ABT, much more a stable than it ever appeared in Tharp's own company.

# ABT's Tharp Paradox

Tharp's work, presented both on mixed programs and in an evening all her own, are the paradox of ABT's current repertoire. Her ballets seem to require more rehearsal time than any others, her rate of failure in new works about equals her rate of success, and she even seems to require a contingent of her own former company members in order to successfully remount the works made on that company. (One piece, Nine Sinatra Songs, which was cast almost completely with dancers who were not former Tharp dancers, made the weakest showing of the four Tharp works danced here.)

Are Tharp's bursts of brilliance worth the price we pay for them? If brilliance in choreography were not so rare these days, the answer might be no. But what if the same things had been said about the works of the late Antony Tudor, the demanding, temperamental choreographer whose three-ballet evening was regarded by many to represent the most essential contribution ABT has made to 20th century ballet repertoire?

Though Tudor is gone, one



Susan Jaffe and Ross Stretton danced in Sir Frederick Ashton's Birthday Offering. (Photo: Martha Swope)

of his greatest interpreters, Sallie Wilson, protects the integrity of his ballets (with the single exception of *The Leaves are Fading*, a work in which Wilson never appeared.) An evening of Tudor is singularly lacking in pyrotechnics; he didn't make show pieces. Yet for the sheer power of dramatic gesture, for a true musicality that can honor both the structure of a score and the truth of a dramatic libretto, Tudor's works are unequalled. And a younger generation of ABT dancers performs them with deep commitment. Leslie Browne dances *Jardin aux Lilas* as though she's waited all her life to do it.

# Extraordinary Talent

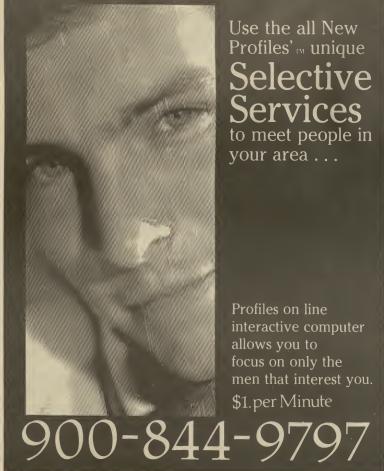
That ABT's dancers produce such powerful performances is proof of the extraordinary talent that exists among its ranks. One soloist, Ethan Brown, performs roles in both the ballets of Tudor and Robbins and in the more classical works of Balanchine and Ashton. Another soloist, Kathleen Moore, counts lead roles in both Tudor and Tharp in her repertoire. Then there are the pure classicists, Wes Chapman, Cynthia Harvey and Amanda McKerrow, who look as though they could do anything, but whose classical dancing is so exceptional that their appearances are largely limited to the classical repertoire.

Harvey, whose strength of technique used to outweigh the strength of her presence, gave wonderful depth to her portrayal of Giselle, with a smoothly seasoned Kevin McKenzie in attendance. With

Wes Chapman in *Theme and Variations*, Harvey used technical security as a means to effective interpretation in a manner I thought most Balanchinian. Wes Chapman is probably the strongest exponent of *Theme's* lead male role performing today. For Chapman, too, accuracy seems so easy that he is able to express joy in the most difficult choreography. The more fiendish the demands, the lighter his countenance, so that in the most stringent of figures, he seems happiest.

The ABT dancer hardest to categorize is Susan Jaffe, whose style is so edgeless and fluid that she can sometimes seem to be too lacking in tension. She danced the lead role in Sir Frederick Ashton's 1956 neo-classical ballet, Birthday Offering, as though she didn't know what to make of it. With its fush Glazunov score and dowdy, overtrimmed costumes, the ballet seemed to belong to another era. Undoubtedly Margot Fonteyn, the original lead, gave it something special, and the choreography is crafty. But it doesn't have the immediate appeal of many of Ashton's greatest ballets.

Jaffe danced Swan Lake, probably one of her best roles, in place of Christine Dunham, with Ross Stretton her capable Siegfried. Her easy lyricism in Act II is now matched by a far stronger Act III. Baryshnikov's restaging of this classic still seems misguided at best, with its exhaustively choreographed first act, rearranged third act, and its questionable design choices. Something tells me we may not see this production again.





Kathleen Moore performed in Antony Tudor's Pillars of Fire. (Photo: Marty Sohl)

# The Golden Age is Now

by George Heymont

The standard party line among opera queens is that their favorite art form (which supposedly hit its peak at least three generations ago) has never had and will never rise to such artistic heights again. According to these people, musical life on the planet came to an artistic halt when Maria Callas retired from the stage, and any artistic efforts since 1966, at the very latest, deserve scant attention from the true operatic connoisseur.

I'm here to tell you that this ridiculous posturing is total nonsense, and that such dangerous myths are usually perpetrated by the types who assiduously listen to one recording after another but rarely attend live performances. If these people did, they might find out how much they are missing and be forced to drastically alter their value systems (a risk similar to the one taken by the alcoholic who embraces sobriety).

So here's what our friend Edith Ann likes to call the truth: There is some damned fine and downright exciting opera being produced today in cities throughout North America. Two recent productions especially come to mind.

Marital Strife

I was mighty glad, on the first leg of a whirlwind tour of the nation in mid-January, I touched down in Southern California to attend the Los Angeles Music Center Opera's new production of *The Marriage of Figaro*. Borrowing John Bury's handsome sets and costumes from the Lyric Opera of Chicago (and with Lawrence Foster doing a masterful job on the podium), LAMCO delivered an exquisite evening of Mozart staged with wit, charm and consummate skill by the gifted Sir Peter Hall.

The ensemble of principals was exceptionally strong. Young Rodney Gilfry was an inordinately tall, handsome and musical Figaro. As his bride-to-be, Angela Maria Blasi's Susanna was all peaches and cream. Frederica von Stade's world-renowned interpretation of Cherubino continued to cause trouble for Thomas Allen's suave Count Almaviva, while strong cameos came from Michael Gallup's Dr. Bartolo and Marvellee Cariaga's Marcellina. Though her voice is a shadow of its former self, Cariaga (who is carving out a secondary career in comprimaria roles) delivered a convincingly decrepit old maid.

For any opera lover with half a brain, this production came dangerously close to perfection but, for me, the revelatory moments were to be found in Arleen Auger's performance as the Countess Almaviva. A formidable artist whose small but well-focused voice captured every emotion in the Countess's aching yet mischievous heart, Auger's characterization was wonderfully introspective and surprisingly on target. She is probably the only Countess I've ever watched perform "Dove sono" who could communicate a genuine sense of wronged personal dignity to the audi-

I must confess that Auger's portrayal of the Countess

delivered an unexpected psychic perk that genuinely spooked me. How so? While the soprano's characterization was entirely her own, the combined effect of her wig and facial structure played such powerful visual tricks on me that it almost looked as if Beverly Sills were onstage, performing a role that was never in her repertory during the years when New York City Opera toured to Los Angeles and performed at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. This strange deja vu effect was so eerie that, at several moments during the performance, I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming.

### Hire That Man!

It doesn't take much to figure out why the performance of Rigoletto I caught in Houston will be emblazoned in my mind for years to come. It was my first exposure to a young conductor, Vjekoslav Sutej, who should be hired by every major opera company on the face of this earth. All too often, one hears Verdi conducted by people who plod through the score

without the slightest idea of why they're on the podium.

By contrast, Sutej, senses the drama inherent in the score, understands what Verdi's music is all about and is breathing with the singers from the beginning to to the final moments of the opera. The bottom line is that you could not hope to put a Verdian opera in the hands of a more exciting conductor. If the San Francisco Opera is seriously looking for someone who can replace the late Sir John Pritchard as its music director, make no mistake: this is the man they should hire.

With Sutej guiding them through the score and Wolf Dieter Ludwig handling the stage direction, HGO's principals formed an ensemble that was a job to behold. Baritone Leo Nucci gave one of his finer performances as Verdi's hunchback. As Gilda, soprano Maureen O'Flynn demonstrated how easily she could wipe up any stage floor with June Anderson. Mezzo-soprano Adria Firestone was a sexy,

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Sparafucile (Jeffrey Wells) and the Duke of Mantua (Marcello Giordani) share some man-talk in Houston Grand Opera's recent production of *Rigoletto*.



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# Russo

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was more a theoretical analysis of sex and gender. What I wanted to write was sort of a basic book that the average person could pick up and understand the connections between the way blacks are treated [by Hollywood] and the way gays are treated and the way women are treated.

Some critics have charged that *The Celluloid Closet* is "too political," less a critique and more a tract. How do you respond to such criticism?

I usually don't. First of all, there are some people, like you say, who think the book is too political. Then, on the other side of the spectrum, there are some very political gays who think the book is too "easy," that the book does not draw parallels between feminism and racism and classism. Marxist analysts of the book are not very kind to it; they complain bitterly that the book is implicitly misogynist, that it comes from a white gay male perspective.

My answer is always the same: "If you want desperately to see a book on the subject you describe, you should write one." I've been attacked because it's not written from a lesbian perspective. Well, I'm not a lesbian. . . . You are what you are. In terms of TCC, all I had to offer was my own perspective.

Now Andrea Weiss, who made *Before Stonewall*, is working on a book on lesbians in film. I think it's long overdue. It's about time a woman wrote this book. It's been

almost ten years since my book came out, and every time some-body criticized me because the book was so heavily weighted towards gay men, I would say, "Where is the book I"m waiting to read about lesbians in movies by a woman?" Nobody was putting a gun to their heads not to write this book.

You revised TCC in 1986, adding some new material. To-day, in 1990, if you could go back and change anything in the book, besides simply updating it, what would it be?

I don't think I would change very much of it... I would probably be, if anything, harder

of their time for the students because the students *are* so young.

The drawback of teaching freshmen and sophomores is that they don't have a history to draw on. They don't remember anything before Madonna. . . . To them, the Vietnam War is like the Civil War was to us. It's something in the dark, the distant past. And it's not like they're stupid. They're not stupid. They're very bright, but they don't have the background. You have to explain that there's a whole history on this subject on film, from silent movies until now. They're sort

about six knew who she was or had ever heard her name. I had to explain. . . . They were all very highly surprised that this had happened. They had no idea.

Over the past few years, I've interviewed several gay writers with AIDS, and they've all talked about the impact it's had on their lives and work. Beyond the obvious physical complications, how has AIDS changed your life, your work?

The thing that's changed is that, unlike before AIDS, I don't waste any of my time anymore. I don't write about anything that I don't want to write about; I don't take any assignments that I don't really care about. I only write about things that move me in some way.

It sounds like AIDS has, in fact, streamlined your life.

It's interesting, it has. It's made me appreciate my life in ways that I never did before. I conserve my time more than I used to. I don't do anything that I don't want to do—no matter how much people pressure me. And I do do everything that I do. I've learned to say no. That's the biggest thing in my life today, that I've learned to just smile at a person and say, "No, I don't have the time to do this, and I'm not going to do it."

In terms of my work, I have a much more serious urgency about my writing now. Real issues instead of ones I consider trivial. I want to leave something behind to make a statement to my people about how important it is to pay attention to the ways in which they are portrayed in the media. That's my contribution.

You've been an activist since Stonewall days. You were a member of GAA and one of the founders of GLAAD. Now you're working with NGLTF, ACT UP, Lambda. Has your activism given you a different slant on your work, a different approach than, say, your standard film scholar or academic?

Yeah. I always have a struggle with academics. Both in theory and in practice, [Laughs] I have a serious problem with the structure of academia. It's almost like gay academics are no different from gay Catholics, who want to be in the Catholic Church even though it's an oppressive institution. No different from gay Republicans, who want to be members of the Republican Party even though they don't like gays.

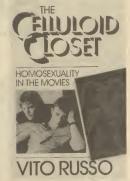
I find the academic world exactly like those other institutions which are oppressive to gay people, oppressive to progress. That should not be true, but it is true.

What I find more often than not is that gay theorists and gay academics strive to become part of that system rather than strive to change it. They may say that they're trying to change it, but the truth is that they're more concerned with tenure, with respectability, with being accepted by the institution, by the powers-that-be, and they have very little relationship to what's actually going on in the streets.

I'm committed to writing work and doing work that's directly connected to what's going on in the streets. And what's going on in the real lives of lesbians and gay men in this country. That is *not* going to change. That's my perspective on this; that's what I'm trying to push.

There's a terrible, terrible division between the so-called academics and the people who

are gay activists. I see my function as completely different from those people, because I want to stay in touch with what is really happening. They want to analyze what's happening from an intellectual perspective.



Groundbreaking gay film history still sells briskly.

I'm tired of academics sitting in a room, reading papers to each other which are indecipherable to any ordinary person, and thinking that they're doing something progressive; when, in fact, what they're doing is betraying their own community by shutting themselves up in an ivory tower. It's elitist, it's condescending, and it does not move society ahead.

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Lately there's been a miniboom in gay film courses. TCC is usually the bible for those courses. How does it feel to be the "dean" of gay film history?

I just can't see myself having conducted my life in any other way. I have always just followed my instincts and wanted to do what I love. The reason why I've done the work I've done on this subject is because it's what I care about most.

In fact, suddenly, ten or 15 years later, you wake up one morning and you discover that you're the expert, because for 15 years that's all you're been doing. It's sort of something that just happens.

What I'm saying is that, by being so visible in my community and being who I am, if I can engender other projects which are similar to this, that's the way it should work. Like Jonathan Katz [Gay American History] engendered Allan Berube, Eric Garber and Joan Neetle

There is a secret part of me, I have to confess, that enjoys the fact that TCC is so popular. Because it pisses off Marxist feminists. They hate me because my book is so popular, because they think my work isn't serious enough. It just makes them so angry that so many people listen to me and read me. That couldn't make me happier because it shows them that they're wasting their time on dry, stupid politics when they could be reaching people with more accessible language.

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on Hollywood in terms of its treatment of gay people. But it's a history book, a book of fact. My perspective on this subject is what happened, when did it happen, why did it happen, and how do we feel about it.

You're teaching two courses at UC Santa Cruz right now, one based on TCC and another called Documenting Gay Activism. When I saw you teaching the Closet course, to kids 18 or 19, I was struck that it's really as much a sociology/history course as it is one on film. A course about prejudice.

It absolutely is. And I do do a lot of talking to them about real life as opposed to screen life. I talk to them about what was going on in the gay movement or in gay life in America when these movies came out. In other words, I try to place them [the films] in the social context

of *shocked* that there was so much homosexuality on the screen before they were born.

I draw on both courses. Now I'm doing TV movies [in the TCC course], and I'm talking about how television has always been issue-oriented. About what was going on in the gay movement in the '70s when TV movies about gays began to emerge. Films like A Question of Love with Gena Rowlands, which was based directly on a true story of a mother in Texas who lost her children, the Sergeant Matlovich TV movie, That Certain Summer.

One thing leads to another, and essentially you're educating them, not only about film history, which they need to have, but also about the social conditions. I asked them how many people knew who Anita Bryant was. Out of 200, only

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# SPORTS & FITNESS BAY AREA REPORTER

Advice from coach: "Forget he's cute. Take him down."

Gay Games Sports Diary

# Ready to Kick Butt

by Winston Mathis

n my last Sports Diary I outlined a few of my training activities and identified several goals I would be working toward. I'm proud to report that results have been achieved to date. I also now have a better understanding of what professional athletes go through.

Training for any sports competition can be grueling both physically and emotionally. I'm beginning to think that athletes have a hidden masochist streak. We punish ourselves with hours of repetitive physical activity and deny ourselves the foods we enjoy, shoving rabbit food and bird seed into our bodies believing it will help our performance.

I guess you can tell I've been dieting. I've lost 11 pounds since you last heard from me and the muscle definition I've developed is making it difficult, I must admit, to walk naked past a full length mirror.

### Cookie Trauma

As hard as it has been, I've managed to avoid Double Rainbow. I did wake up one night in a cold sweat after dreaming I was being chased down Market Street by a giant chocolate chip cookie. Now, normally I would not have been so traumatized but the darn thing had macadamia nuts in it. This apparition was undoubtedly caused by snack deprivation.

Wrestling practice has become an activity I have skipped

work to attend. Now, I know what you are saying as you read this: "Yeah, you just want to wear that skimpy outfit and roll around with all those sweaty boys?" Well, it's partly true, I admit, but who said I couldn't have a good time?

My skills are improving as well as my confidence. I'm learning combinations of moves to put together. I think a staple of my stragegy will be the Bear Hug, but I'm working on a few surprises.

I'm steadily increasing my running time, I'm up to 30 minutes, and it feels great being able to maintain an aerobic activity for that amount of time. The training an athlete puts him or herself through goes beyond physical conditioning, addressing emotional areas as well. Developing the confidence to put yourself out front, be exposed and be judged is also a part of training.

## Advice from Teammates

My teammates have been very supportive. The more experienced guys share their knowledge, be it about workout programs or techniques. Team members help psyche each other up and encourage new members to give their best. After all, you can't improve if you don't put forth the energy. During a practice session one of the guys coaching me saw a flaw in my approach and offered some good advice:

# Fire Department Singes Pacers

by Joe Nelson

For the first time this season, the Pacers faced an older opponent and lost 66 to 55 to the Fire Department's representative team in the Eureka Valley Adult Basketball League. The Pacers still have a winning record at four wins and three loses, and the last half of their schedule should be less challenging than the first.

The Pacers lost because of poor shooting and even poorer defense. The Fire Department team has played together for several years, and their experience helped them beat what was probably an equal opponent. The SFFD team played a smart game, often taking the ball inside to the quality center and taking one good shot. On the other hand, the Pacers left open too many gaps in their zone defense, and their shot selection cost them dearly.

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The game started closely with only a six-point deficit with six minutes left in the first half. The SFFD expanded their lead to ten points at 38 - 28 at halftime. After the half, the Pacers hoped to use their relative youthfulness to wear out the SFFD team, but the SFFD team seemed to get a "second wind". Instead of gaining ground, the Pacers slipped a little further until they were down by 15 points with

"When you're on the mat," he said, "and you look up and see that cute boy, forget he's cute. Take him down and get those points. But don't break

anything because you may want to date him later!"

The message was clear. I needed to be a little more ag-

When I first decided to enter

the Games I was excited with just the concept of participating. As I learn more and train harder, the thought of being the best has a certain ap-

peal. I also keep in mind that the games were started to provide an arena where gay men and women could be openly gay and take part in sports ac-

This idea of participation will not be overshadowed by the concept of winning or losing. We will all be winners but I can see myself wearing a gold medal.

One personal observation: I think that some of us have denied ourselves the experience of being physically competitive,

of being physically competitive, somehow associating all aggressive behavior with negativity. In the arena of sports competition, aggressive behavior is a necessity. Combined with developed skills, a strong body and good sportsmanship, it

makes for a winner. Judging by what I've seen on the wrestling

team this winter, we're going to kick butt in Vancouver!

three minutes to go in the game.

John Wood led the team with 17 points. Steve Moore chipped in 14 and Mike Gray had 12. John Mitchell made his debut as a coach, and his temperament seems well-suited to this volunteer basketball program. Michael Beckman will return next week.

The Pacers play the Northern Telecom team on Friday, March 9, at 7:40 p.m. at the 100 Collingwood St. gymnasium. The next Friday, they will play the last-place MCI at 6:30 p.m.

The Pacers will also play the Los Angeles Lancers on Sunday morning, March 11, at 100 Collingwood in an open exhibition game, starting at 10 a.m.



John Wood (Photo: Rick Gerharter

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# Vancouver Vacations

by Will Snyder

Imost four years ago, Dr. Tom Waddell stepped to the podium at Kezar Stadium and declared Gay Games II over. He also announced that the next Games would be held in Vancouver, British Columbia in 1990

Since that time, many San Franciscans have had Van-couver on their minds. This was part of Tom Waddell's dream. He wanted to see the Games grow to become international in

Last Fall, Japantown Bowl started two bowling leagues for vacationers who were planning on taking in the Games and the many arts events which Van-couver plans on hosting. This wasn't the first time JTown had sponsored vacation leagues.
Many bowlers recall trips to
Hawaii and/or Mexico after
bowling for a certain number of

In the case of Vancouver, that "certain number of weeks" turned out to be a long, gruelling 42 weeks. The total cost of the trip, \$630.77, dictated a 42-week season. It was the only way to keep costs down.

Thus, you have to admire the fortitute of bowlers who were willing to put in a long league in order to see something historic (they're at the half-way point in the season).

And, history will be made in Vancouver. At the recent APEX Awards, Shawn Kelly announced that athletes will be coming from East Germany and Poland. Who knows? By the time the Games begin, East Germany might be simply part. Germany might be simply part of Germany. Considering what we've read about the wellorganized gay community in Prague, maybe the Czechs will be there in Vancouver, yet, too.

There's good news for those of you who have thought about going to Vancouver, but have heard hotel space and airline tights and some one. tickets are gone.

Not true.

A Passage to Adventure, the travel agency with which Japantown Bowl has been working, announced two weeks ago that it still had a limited amount of hotel space available at three different hotels. Ac-cording to the agency's co-owner, Steve Miller, rates vary at the different hotels, "but they're all affordable?

Here are the 200-plus games and 600-plus series for Feb. 19-March 1:

Monday, Community/Gay Games League, Feb. 19: Scott Miller (160) 208, 218, 608 Series; Don Johnle (141) 201; David Kriete (143) 205; Carol Hull (144) 230, Michael Huang (163) 219; Charles Daniels (164) 201.



Tops 200: Paul Cyr

Tuesday Community League, Feb. 20:
Bruce Gresham (177) 203; Ron Squires (170) 201; Rick O'Brien (187) 215; Don Gambell (190) 205; Jerry Gershoff (166) 201; Tim Mulvenon (186) 213, 230, 629 Series; Randy Peterson (185) 200; Richard Cooper (180) 205; Allen Neticake (178) 218; Dennis Singleton (142) 208; Don George (183) 225; Ken Gray (182) 225, 211, 626 Series; Chuck Adkins (180) 200; Len Tumath (147) 211; Jeff Dorsey (153) 215; Lee Meyerpeter (136) 222; Peter Czech (159) 211; Alan Pex (154) 212; Tim Kneis (171) 210.
Wednesday Community League, Feb.

Wednesday Community League, Feb. 21: Steve Moses (172) 203; David Tangredi (195) 221, 216, 219, 656 Series; Michael Amaro (160) 201; Rudy Maglenty (168) 213; Paul Cyr (163) 203; Rudy Iranon (164) 206; Brady Butler (145) 204.

Thursday Community League, Feb. 22: Dennis Hale (168) 201; Bobby Kiser (159) 214.

Friday Community League, Feb. 23: Red Mangio (139) 204; Charles Daniels (174) 201; Fuzzy Auirre (151) 205; Ken Conklin (152) 207.

Saturday Gay Games League, Feb. 24: David Arnold (190) 219, 608 Series; Don Gambell (182) 234.

Sunday Reno League, Feb. 25: Richard Jones (179) 204; Kirk Smith (182) 237.

Monday Community/Gay Games League, Feb. 26: Andre Locke (166) 244, 216, 630 Series; Charles Daniels (166) 214: Todd Brooks (184) 213, 233, 617 Series; Scott Miller (167) 201; Tim Kneis (175) 233; Chuck Adkins (178) 211;

Tuesday Community League, Feb. 27: Don George (183) 213; Chuck Adkins (180) 215; Don Gambell (190) 202, 201; Bob Bates (164) 214; Tim Mulvenon (188) 246, 610 Series; Allen Neitzke (178) 209, 220; Rick O'Brien (187) 235, 213, 201, 649 Series; Paul Woodard (155) 203.

Wednesday Community League, Feb. 28: Neil Gelineau (145) 207; Rudy Iranon (170) 204, 203; Ed Slivinski (146) 209; Kathy Perkins (150) 202, 200; David Tangredi (196) 204.

Thursday Community League, arch 1: Ricky Wright (152) 200.

Friday Community League, March 2: Bob Bryan (188) 202, 203; Charlie Courtney (133) 201.

Saturday Gay Games League, March 3: Kevin Elzia (152) 201.

# Last Chance for Vocal Auditions

Vocal Minority, the mixed-choral unit of the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, holds its last auditions for all holds its last auditions for all voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) Saturday, March 10, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St., San Francisco.

Scheduled for 1990 is a new production of You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown, plus a trip to the Gay Games in Vancouver in August

Bring one song (ballad or upbeat) to the audition. No appointment is necessary. A pianist will be provided. For more information, phone 558-8018 or 824-5175.

# **Sports Calendar**

A Gold Medal Evening
Saturday, Mar. 10: The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence host a benefit for
Games III and Team SFI Gay Games basketball—SF Hotshots vs. Los
Angeles Men & SF Slammers vs. Los Angeles Women. 7:30 p.m. Kezar
Pavilion. \$7 adv. at Castro Headlines, \$8 at door. Plus more surprises!

Team SF
May 31 is the last day to register for Gay Games III. Fee: \$54. Forms at Fleet Feet, 2308 Market and Hoy Sports, 1632 Haight.

Seminar on Anabolic Steroids & Nutritional Alternatives
Wednesday, Mar. 14, 7:30 p.m. McC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. Free.
Panelists: Dr. Harmon Brown, sports specialist, Korean Olympic
Games physician; Dr. Joanne Whitney, steroid research expert, Lola
Holland, FDA official; Phil Barber, nutritional consultant; SFPD & State
Narcotics Task Force. 282-0627.

SF Slammers

SF Stammers Playoffs begin on Mar. 8 at Kezar Pavilion. Women's basketball practice Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at The Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Collingwood. Susan, 824-4697.

SF Hotshots Gay Men's Basketball Sundays, 6-8 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Community Center. All levels welcome. Tony, 621-2710.

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Tavern Guild Bowling League

Mar. 12: Monday Night League begins. Mar. 14: Wednesday Night League begins. Mar. 15: Thursday Night League begins. Mal, 752-2366.

By SF Women's Business Bowling League begins. Mai, 732-2500. SF Women's Business Bowling League Bowl Sundays, 6 p.m. at Park Bowl, 1855 Haight. Ann, 337-6721. Golden Gate Wrestling Club Tuesday and Friday practices, 7-9 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels welcome. Gene, 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club
Workouts: Mar. 10 & 24 and Apr. 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. All forms & styles
of wrestling; all ages, weights welcome. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721.

Volleyball Club
Sundays, 8 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels welcome. Mike, 626-4743.

Ingwood. All skill levels welcome. Mike, 626-4743. **Gay Volleyball**Every Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in the school yard at 18th St. & Deharo. All welcome, including beginners. Jay, 864-0257. **Bay Area Racquetball Club**Saturday, Mar. 10: Sacramento tournament. Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Schoeber's Athletic Club, South SF. All skill levels welcome. Wref, 626-7758.

Birds of a Feather Women's Badminton

Women's practice on Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at French American School gym, 200 Buchanan. Open badminton for men and women on Tuesdays, 630-9:30 p.m., at Eureka Valley Community Center, 100 Collingwood. Pat, 626-4950.

SF Spikes
Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at West Sunset Soccer Fields, 40th Ave. & Ortega,
and Thursdays at 8 p.m. at Moscone Field, Chestnut & Laguna. Carlo,
821-4248.

Saga North Ski Club Mar. 9-12: Kirkwood weekend ski trip. Mar. 10-18: St. Moritz, France. SAGA, 995-2772.

X-Ta-C Cross Country Ski Club
Monday, Mar. 12: Membership meeting, 7 p.m. at 1618 Castro, SF. Mar.
16-18: Weekend Tahoe ski trip. Also, an all women ski trip this month.
Jim or Trudy, 995-2736.

Tsunami Gay/Lesbian Swim Team Sundays, 10 a.m.-noon, at King Pool, 3rd St. & Carrol. Monday, Wednes-day and Friday, 7:30-9 p.m., at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner. Laurie, 255-9091, or Johnny, 626-0561.

Water Polo

SF Water Polo
Practices Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday mornings,
9-10:30 a.m., at Coffman Pool, corner of Visitacion and Hahn, SF. Men
& women of all skill levels welcome. John, 621-07831.

Ice Hockey Seeking men & women for an ice hockey team to go to Vancouver. Experience and full equipment are a must. Gina, 776-6615.

SF Hiking Club
Saturday, Mar. 10: Purisma Creek Open Space Reserve, San Mateo County. 8.5-mile day hike, 1,000 ft. elevation. Dress in layers; bring lunch & liquids. Meet under big Safeway sign, Market & Delores, at 9.45 a.m. Shared cost per car: \$5.80. Jim, 431-3854, or Clyde, 285-1260.

Shared cost per car: \$3.80. Jim, \$31-3654, or cryde, 263-1260.

SF FrontRunners

Sunday, Mar. 11: Twin Peaks loop run and potluck at 10 a.m. Tuesday Fun Runs: 6:30 p.m., Ferry Bldg, Embarcadero; no-host dinner follows.

Thursday Fun Runs: 6:30 p.m., McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park; no-host dinner follows. Sunday Fun Runs: 10 a.m., location to be announced. Rod, 621-2213.

EastBay FrontRunners

Saturday, Mar. 10: Inspiration Point—Tilden Park. Roz, 939-3579, or Greg, 865-6792.

Track & Field
Scdays & Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. and Sundays, 10:30 a.m. at SF State
University track, 1600 Holloway. All skill levels welcome. Rick,
626-8784.



# Benefit at Kezar

Two of San Francisco's men's and women's basketball what may prove to be a sneak preview of the championship rounds at Gay Games III in August. This "Gold Medal" event is presented by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence at Kezar Pavilion this Saturday night, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Both the San Francisco women's team, the Slammers, and the Hotshots men's squad will, along with the Pendulum Pacers, represent the city in the basketball competition in Van-

At Gay Games II, San Francisco won the gold medal in women's basketball by defeating the silver medalist Los Angeles team in the championship game. The respective squads each feel that they have the team to bring home the gold

San Francisco won the silver medal at Gay Games II and the Hotshots, whose present line-

up includes some of those on the medal-winning team, hope they've increased the quality of their playing style enough to finish first. If they are able to control Los Angeles in Satur-day night's competition, the Hotshots feel they will gain the confidence necessary to go to Vancouver and make a grab for the gold.

In addition to the basketball games, San Francisco Les-bian/Gay Spirit Band, the SF Flag Corps and the Hayward Rah-Rahs will provide enter-tainment. "Cotton Candy and pom poms will set the mood" at the event, say the sponsoring Sisters. Members of various Team San Francisco sports or-ganizations will be introduced during the proceedings and former Gay Games director Shawn Kelly will speak.

Tickets are available in advance at Headlines for \$7. The price at the door will be \$8. All proceeds benefit Team San

# **Steroid Seminar** At MCC

An educational seminar on anabolic steroids and nutritional alternatives will be presented on Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. at MCC Church, 150 Eureka Street. The seminar is open to the public and benefits Gay Games III, Vancouver.

A panel of specialists will discuss the various aspects of anabolic steroids from the standpoint of nutrition, pharmacology, legal rulings and en-forcement of these laws. Panelists and topics include Dr. Harmon Brown, past com-petitor in the Olympic games and most recently physician for the Korean Olympic Games; Joanne Whitney, PhD. in phar-macology, expert in steroid research; Lola Holland, Food and Drug Administration members of the Narcotics Task Force of both the San Francis co Police Department and the California State Police and Phil Barber, nutritional consultant

For more information phone 282-0627.

# **Gay/Lesbian Programs**

Madeline's Variety Television Thursday, 6 p.m., S.F. Viacom 25

Helping Hands

Monday, 7 p.m., S.F. Viacom 6 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., S.F. Viacom 6

Messiah Theatre Productions
Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., S.F. Viacom 25: Starring "De John De Messiah" and entourage.

Healing Ourselves Wednesday, (2nd, 4th) 10 p.m., S.F. Viacom 25

Community Action Network News Monday, 7:30 p.m., Mountain View Cable 30 Wednesday, (1st, 3rd) 10 p.m., PCTV (Oakland, East Bay) Thursday, (1st, 3rd) 6:30 p.m., S.F. Viacom 6

Wednesday, (1st & 3rd) 9 p.m., PCTV (Oakland, NE Bay) Thursday, Weekly, 8:30 p.m., Mountain View Cable 30; (4th) 6:30 p.m., S.F. Viacom 6 Friday, (2nd, 4th) 7:30 p.m., Los Altos, Cupertino Cable 30

Electric City
Sunday, 10 p.m., S.F. Viacom 35
Tuesday, 10 p.m., Mountain View Cable 30
Wednesday, 8 p.m., S.F. Viacom Cable 35
Friday, 7:30 p.m., KCAT South Bay Cable: HIV issues and immigrants; male incest survivors; together for the first time Cleopatra & Delia.

Rubyfruit Terrace Sunday, 7:30 a.m., KITS 105.3 FM: Laurie McBride on issues of concern for women.

Fruit Punch

Wednesday, 10 p.m., KPFA 94.1 FM: News, interviews, reviews.

Healing Tales Monday, 8:30 p.m., KALW 91.7 FM

# **Gay Games** Scholarships Offered

Team San Francisco has six free round-trip tickets to Van-couver for Gay Games III, and is offering them as scholarships to Team San Francisco athletes who are in financial need and who will be participating, as athletes, in Celebration '90. The tickets are a windfall from the large number of fares Team San Francico has purchased for members going to the Games.

According to an announce-ment issued by Team San Francisco, its steering committee and sports representatives have and sports representatives have decided that the fairest way to choose who should get the tickets is to allow the sports reps and heads of each of the sporting organizations within Team San Francisco to decide who the worthiest athletes are within their individual groups.

TSF sports reps also may nominate athletes they feel are in financial need. The athlete in financial freed. The athlete nominatedd must be notified in advance, and must be in such a financial position that, says the announcement, "without this scholarship it is unlikely the athlete will be able to go to the Gay Games."

A drawing to choose the six winners will be held at the March 24 sports rep meeting at Eureka Valley Community Center. Sports groups with 25 members or less will be able to what it to these pages 6. submit up to three names for the drawing and those with 26 or more can submit up to five.

or more can submit up to live.

To ensure confidentiality, only Team San Francisco steering committee members and the sports reps for the athletes chosen will know who the winners are. There will be no public announcement. Athletes must be members of Team San Francisco by March 24 and register for the Games by April 30 to receive the tickets. 30 to receive the tickets.



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9:00 CLASS & TRASH

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I'd known it wasn't tax deductible."

\* Varny Contests
(One Butch & one Femme award)
The gigolo and femme fatale; the best affair you never had or if you did ... you lived to regret it.

# II:00 THE THEME ZONE

Best Theme Contest

(One award)

The best couple or team that includes both butch
and femme, not overlapping any other contest
category. Otherwise, a dimension of sight and
sound where your imagination is the only limit.

12:30 A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Naugahyde/Vinyl Contests
(One Butch & one Femme award)
The butch & the femme who finally give these
pseudo-materials the recognition they so richly
deserve. Tocky, urban leather look-alikes.

Recombinant Queer Contest
(One ward)

## ARRIVE EARLY

To stimulate exhibitionism and arouse voyeurism, contestants for each category will be selected by members of a secret nominating committee. If you yearn to possess

Tickets: \$25.50 advance/\$30 door To benefit the National Center for Lesbian Rights Tickets available until March 31 at **Marna Bears**, Oakland; **Headlines**, Castro and Polk locations, San Francisco; or send check payable to **Salree Productions** & SASE to PO. Box 31748, S.F., CA 94131 Mail arders received after March 23 will be held at the door.

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# FRIDAY 9

- I-Beam: Honoring National Women's Day with Max imillion's Motorcycle Club & Change. 10 p.m. \$5 adv 1748 Haight. 668-6023.
- Screw: DJs Lewis & Mike, crucial music alternative space, videos. Beer pitchers \$5. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$1. 496 Guerrero/14th St., SF.
- El Rio: DJ Cory Iwatsu (5-8 p.m. Happy Hour), DJ Carlos Grant (10 p.m.-2 a.m.). No cover. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- Taking Shape: BRAVAI For Women In The Arts presents an evening of excerpts of multi-cultural performance works-in-progress by women. Mar. 9 & 10 at 8 p.m. and Mar. 11 at 7 p.m. \$6-10. Centerspace Studio Theatre, 2840 Mariposa/Alabama, SF. 641-7657.
- Charles Pierce's "All Talking, All Singing, All Dancing, All Dead": The celebrity impersonator returns with some legendary ladies like Davis, Bankhead and West Nightly through Mar. 17 at 8 p.m. 8:20/two drink min Plush Room, 940 Sutter, SF. 885-6800.
- \*Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian Gay Alliance "Club House" Dance: Live performance, visuals with DJ Pete Avila. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. \$4 before 9:30, \$5 after. Haas Clubhouse, Strawberry Canyon, UC Berkeley. 642-6942.
- MCC of SF: 3rd Annual MCC/SF Women's Retreat. Registration forms at church office. 863-4434.
- Sub Cinema: L'age D'or & Las Hurdes (Land Without Bread), both films by Brunel, the Dad of Dada film! 9 p.m.
   4. Galerie Cine Cal, 576 Vallejo, SF. 296-1152.
- Hot, Horny & Healthy Playshop: Black & White Men Together's AIDS Task Force's fun and informative aducational workshop, 6:30 p.m. Task Force office, 273 Church, SF.

# SATURDAY 10

- I-Beam: High Energy & House Music Saturdays, plus sexy, young studs take it off at 10:30 p.m. & 12 a.m.! \$5, free w/pass. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. 1748 Haight. 668-6023.
- El Rio: L-Z Arnold, Colorwild. 10 p.m. \$5. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- Colossus: After hours House/Urban/Funk/Disco dance club. Doors at 9:30 p.m. \$8, 21+. 1015 Folsom/6th St., SF. 431-BOYS.
- Gay Games III Preview: The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence sponsor a basketball benefit for Team SF and Games III. See listing on the Sports Calendar in the Sports & Fitness section.
- Sports & Fitness Section.
  Body Ritual—A Triple Bill of Performance Theater:
  Desire of Lightning by Berliner Frank H. Rothkann, My
  Little Whore by Monique Marquisa De Magdalena &
  dog, Get It by Jim Coulson (Salami Jim). 9 p.m. \$7.
  Galerie Cine Cal, 576 Vallejo/Grant, SF. 296-1152.
  Repeated same time on Saturday, Mar. 18.
- Ellipse: Peninsula AIDS Project, Giant Garage Sale: Junque, clothing, antiques, jewelry, furniture & morel 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bayview Federal Bank Bldg, 2121 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo. 572-9702.
- Women's Education Series: "Dealing With Changes & Losses," with Matile Poor. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero, SF. GLOE, 626-7000.
- Men Seeking Relationships: Mixer/workshop, social hour follows small discussion groups. 7:30 p.m. \$5 MCC, 150 Eureka, SF. Partners Institute, 343-8541.
- Vocal Minority Audition: Seeking all voices. No appt. necessary. Bring one ballad or upbeat song, pianist provided. 12 Noon-4 p.m. Jon Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission, SF. 558-8018 or 824-5175.



Haircore: A multimedia fashion show featuring all aspects of 1990 fashions. Yeo's Design Team presents hair image, Hardware presented by Marc Paron, Clothing by Donald Simrock and Venus & Alloy bustiers from Ana. Sunday, Mar. 11 at Midnight. Cover. Club Uranus/The Endup, 6th St. & Harrison, SF.



- Suds: The Rocking '60s Musical Soap Opera: Set in a laundromat, a story of teen romance, lost love and secret dreams with a skewed '90s sensibility. Opens Wednesday, Mar. 14 at 8 p.m. Plays Tue.-Fri. at 8 p.m., Sat. at 7 & 10 p.m., Sun. at 3 & 7 p.m. \$22-24. Water-front Theatre, Ghirardelli Square, SF. Call 861-6895.
- Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee: Safety committee, 11 a.m. Call 864-FREE for location.
- Girth & Mirth Club SF: St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party—Italian Stylel \$5-7. Social hour 7 p.m., dinner 8 p.m. Special door prize, music and dancing. 176 Page, SF. 552-1143 or 820-2597.

# **SUNDAY 11**

- I-Beam: Sunday T-dance. Male dancers at 8, 9 & 10 p.m. 5 p.m.-2 a.m. \$4, \$3 w/pass. 1748 Haight. 668-6023.
- El Rio: John Dilao & tropical Breeze. 4-8 p.m. \$5. 3158 Mission, SF. 282-3325.
- Celebrate the Release of Nelson Mandela: Concert and program with Danny Glover, Zulu Spear, Angela Davis, Lindiwe Mebuza (ANC Chief US Rep.) & many, many morel 4-11 p.m. \$5-15. Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 27th & McDonald, Richmond. 655-6606 or 255-7296.
- Dancer's Stage: Pianist Seth Montfort plays the music of Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy & Montfort. 7 p.m. \$7. 60 Brady, near Market & Gough.
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  A Different Light: Jeanne Cordova, Kicking the Habit, reading/booksigning, 1:30 p.m.; artist Doug Simonson, Hawaii, demonstration, 3 p.m.; memorial reading for poet Jack Sharpless, Presences of Minid, 3:30 p.m.; GAWK reading/comedy/music: Kitty Tsui, Jon Sugar, Dennis Conkin, Tom Thurston & others, 4 p.m.; gay writers series with Cliff Hengst & John Weaver, 7:30 p.m. 489 Castro, SF. 431-0891.
- Andy Warhol Film Retrospective: Nude Restaurant and Lonesome Cowboy, his last films executed in late 1967. 7 p.m. \$3-5. SF Cinematheque, SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut, SF. 558-8129.
- Men's Brunch for Older Gay Men (60+): Please bring food to share, free. 12-3 p.m. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero, SF. GLOE, 626-7000.
- Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee: Board of Directors, 2 p.m.; general membership, 5 p.m. at 1519 Mission St. General membership is an open community meeting. Become a voting member by at-tending 2 of 3 consecutive general meetings. 864-FREE.

# **MONDAY 12**

- I-Beam: Young Gods (from Switzerland), Sharkbait. 10:30 p.m. \$6.50 adv. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
- Cody's Books: Psychotherapist Mike Lew discusses his book Victims No Longer: Men Recovering from In-cest and Other Sexual Child Abuse. 8 p.m. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.
- Emergency Committee to Stop the Flag Amendment and Laws: Bay Area organizing meeting for the cam-paign against Bush's "Flag Protection Amendment" to the Constitution. 7 pm. New College of California, 777 Valencia, SF. Info, 267-6923.
- Learning How to Learn Seminar: Led by Charles Schmid, educational psychologist & accelerated lear-ning expert. 7-10 p.m. \$20. Oberon Sounds, 584 B Cas-tro/19th St., SF. Registration, 864-3396.
- Out & Outraged: A four part lesbian feminist workshop for women. Mondays, Mar. 12—Apr. 2, 7-9:30 p.m. Savo Island, 2017 Stewart/Adeline, Oakland (near Ashby BART). Donations accepted. 995-4735. Childcare reservations, wheelchair access. Women Against Imperialism sponsors.

# EEK

- Bi Friendly SF: Bi night out, 7:30 p.m. Castro restaunt. Pierre, 753-0687.
- Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Band: Join us in our 3rd year!
  All instruments welcome, musicians & non-musicians needed! Call 558-9693.

# **TUESDAY 13**

- Out There Tonight: Dazzling Shirley MacLaine returns to San Francisco with an embullient musical revue. Mar. 13-Apr. 8, plays Tue-Sat. at 8:30 p.m., Wed. & Sat. matinees at 2:30 p.m., Sun. matinee at 4 p.m. \$17-40. Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market/8th St., SF, 243-9001.
- Orpneum Theatre, 1192 Market/Delths, Sr. 243-9001.

  On Art & Politics Lecture Series: Conversations with Polish critic, writer, poet Czesław Milosz, 1980 Nobel Prize-winner for literature; and also, noted author, essayist Susan Sontag (Styles Against Radical Will, On Photography, Illness as Metaphor, & AIDS and Its Metaphors). 8 p.m. \$11 & \$13.50. Herbst Theatre, Van Ness & McAllister. 552-3656. Benefits The Women's Foundation.
- Martin Ryter Photography Exhibit: The internationally recognized fashion model photographer exhibits selected male nudes. Free, donations appreciated. The Living Room, 544-A Castro, SF. Hours: 12-10 p.m. dai-ly. 255-8555.





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• Castro Theatre Tribute to Dietrich and von Sternberg:
Marlene Dietrich was discovered on the Berlin stage by
American director Josef von Sternberg, both of whom
became one of Hollywood's legendary teams. Mar. 9-10:
The Blue Angel, Marlene; Mar. 11: Blonde Venus,
Shanghai Express; Mar. 12: Morocco, Dishonored; Mar.
13: The Scarlet Express, The Devil is a Woman. Call
621-6120 for times and prices.

MUSIC

• Launching Party for Gay Ninties/SF: A gay discount coupon booklet to benefit gay service organizations. Entertainment by Lesbian Gay Chorus of SF, Lesbian & Gay Freedom Marching Band, Menage, Fiddlestix, Samm Gray & David Kelsey. Sunday, Mar. 11. 5-7 p.m. \$20 donation covers show, open bar, hors d'oeuvres and coupons. Informal dress. Countours Unlimited, 50 Otis, 55-524-0283.

### THEATRE

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Gertrude Stein and a Companion: By Win Wells, directed by Iris Landsberg. The story of two legendary lives lived with passion and a love passionately fulfilled. Opens Saturday, Mar. 10, plays Wed.-Sun. at 8 p.m. thru Apr. 15. Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. 88-15. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF. 861-5079.

### DANCE

DANCE

• Chaksam-Pa Tibetan Dance & Opera Company:
Haunting ancient Tibetan opera, Tibetan folk &
monastic dance forms, and classical music by master
trained since childhood at the institute created by the
Dalai Lama to preserve Tibetan culture. Saturday, Mar.
10 at 3:30 pm. \$12 also includes Tibet Day admission.
Life On The Water Theatre, Ft. Mason, SF. 641-9139.

ART

Mixed-Media and Painting Exhibition: Artists Lars
Stewart, Jeanette Miranda, Claudia Anna Juestel &
Jeanie Blasingame explore the Great Mother & feminist
issues, male power and spatial relationships. Mar.
12-22. Reception: Mar. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Fee.
Academy of Art College Fine Arts Gallery, 625 Sutter,
SF. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## FICTION/POETRY READINGS

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• Jeanne Cordova: Kicking the Habit: A Lesbian Nun
Story takes us behind the the cloistered convent door
for a revealing look at the joys and sorrows of
Sisterhood. 7:30 p.m. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia,
SF. 821-4675. Wheelchair access, call for childcare.

- Gay & Lesbian Modern Conversational Hebrew Class: Tuesdays at 8 p.m., class runs indefinitely. \$5 per person, per class. Cong. Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers, SF. 861-6932 or 861-1362. Fee waived for those with life threatening illnesses.
- Duplicate Bridge Game: 7 p.m. open game a Quicktricks Bridge Club at MCC Church, 150 Eureka 626-1049.

# **WEDNESDAY 14**

- Female Trouble: Presenting Virgin Deaf Squad, DJ Stephanie Phillips. \$3 cover. \$2.50 draft before 10 p.m. Wednesdays are for girls at Nightbreak, 1821 Haight, SF.
- El Rio: Comics Marilyn Pittman, Sandy Van, Lisa Geduldig. \$5. 9 p.m. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- Blues in the Night: Musical conceived by Sheldon Epps celebrating the great blues and jazz songs of the '20-8 k'30s by exploring the lives and memories of three women and a saloon singer. Thru Apr. 7, plays Wed.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sat. at 2:30 p.m. \$18-20. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter/Mason, SF. 474-8800.
- Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter/Mason, Sr. 474-8bUU.

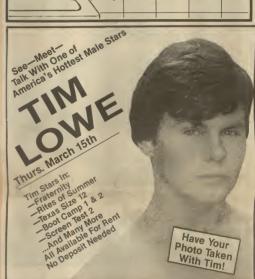
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- Playwriting For Women: Taught by playwright, actress Terry Baum for novices and the experienced. Wednesday evenings. Small Press Traffic Bookstore, 24th St. & Guerrero, SF. 648-5244.
- California Lawyers for the Arts' "Film Distribution"
  Workshop: An experienced film industry attorney will
  discuss what is involved with distribution and protection. 7-8:30 p.m. \$5-15. Ft. Mason Center, Bldg B, Rm.
  300, SF. 775-7200.
- Writer's Workshop for Senior Lesbians/Gay Men 50+): Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. at 1853 Market, SF. (50+): We 626-7000
- Legal Clinic for Gay/Lesbian Seniors (60+): Discuss your legal concerns (wills, power of attorney, trusts, etc.) with a Legal Assistance to the Elderly attorney. Free pappointment only. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. GLOE, 626-7000.
- Educational Seminar on Anabolic Steroids & Nutri-tional Alternatives: Sponsored by 14th Street Gold's Gym, benefits Gay Games III, Vancouver. See listing on the Sports Calendar in the Sports & Fitness Section.
- Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Committee: Celebration subcommittee, 7 p.m. Come help plan the celebration! For location or details call 864-FREE.
- Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)/Marin County: Monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 26 Kensington Ct., San Anselmo. 457-1115.
- Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG); Guest speaker Matt Coles of the ACLU. 6 p.m. \$2. No-host bar, free snacks. All welcome. Charpe's, 131 Gough, SF 695-9174.

# **THURSDAY 15**

- No Sisters and New Wave Bands Reunite to Fight AIDS: No Sisters reunites and headlines concert, also The Baltimores, Psycotic Pineapple, Child's Portion, Duck's Breath Mystery Theatre. Randee of the Red-woods & lan Shoales host. 9 p.m. \$12 gen., \$25 res. balcony, Slim's, 333 11th St., SF. 621-3330. Benefits STEPS.
- I-Beam: Severed Heads, Mc 900 Ft. Jesus. 10:30 p.m. \$11 adv. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
   El Rio: Cocktail Party featuring comedian Maria Falzone, female impersonator Amber Glass, exotic dancer Joe Tempco & DJ Carlos Grant. Free. 9-11 p.m. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- East Bay Girl Bar: 7 p.m.-1 a.m. \$5. ARTS, 4031 Broadway, Oakland. 654-2864.
- Chaos: Music-videos-lust! Industrial, New Beat,
   Rap DJs Mike & Lewis. Thursdays, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$1.
   Crystal Pistol, 842 Valencia/19th St., SF.
- Wet Jockey Shorts Contest at The Endup: With Danny Williams & guests. \$25-100 in prizes. Stripper 9:30 p.m. sharp, contest 10:30 p.m. sharp. \$4. 6th & Harrison, SF
- Classical Indian & Japanese Butoh Performers: South Indian classical dancer Eva Soltes joins with principal Butoh performer Hiroko Tamano in a provocative ex-ploration of contrasts and common grounds. Mar. 15-17 at 8:30 p.m. \$8-10. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St., SF. 525-3438.
- Bay Area Bisexual Network Forum/Discussio ''Spirituality & Bisexuality.'' 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$1-5. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St., SF. 564-BABN.
- Rainbow's End Lesbian & Gay Youth Project: Week ly meetings, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Ministry of Light of fices, 1000 Sir Francis Drake, San Anselmo. 457-1115







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Bruce Nidd worked with a toothpick to restore these dancing girls.

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The look of the Art Deco restaurant/lounge Rounds recalls the elegant '30s. (Photos: Rick Gerharter)

T ucked away at the edge of the Polk Gulch is a small Art Deco gem which has been restored into the latest gay bar/restaurant catering to the gay community. Months of work have gone into restoring the facade and interior of what is now called Rounds, located between Turk and Eddy streets. This piano bar and lounge has been in business for several months, and promises to provide anyone interested in discovering the new and different with some delightful hours of fun and entertainment.

Co-owner Bruce Nidd comes to the west coast from Manhattan, where the original Rounds at 53rd Street and Second Avenue has been home to the gay theatre crowd for 11 years.

Bruce cared enough about the restoration of the premises to spend hours working with a toothpick to restore the beautiful golden dancing ladies above the front door of Rounds. All the original brass, which had been painted over countless times, has been brought back to gleaming life. For years the building housed La Pinata and before that the Asian Queen restaurant. Now it stands out on Larkin Street with a look reminiscent of the elegant '30s.

The name Rounds comes from the expression that actors and models use when they're looking for work—or "making the rounds" as they call it. As far as making a San Francisco statement, Bruce says: "We will let the bar evolve into whatever it becomes."

The spacious restaurant section seats 32, and the menu is simple and affordable. Appetizers, soups and salads mix with pasta, poultry, seafood and sandwiches as basic offerings.

Inside the lounge and bar Jeff Sage plays requests as well as contemporary, jazz and blues on an ivory piano placed in front of mirrored walls and pillars. Muted lighting transforms the desert sand walls into a soft peach by night, a perfect setting for relaxation—and romance.

Rounds, 510 Larkin Street (441-4007). Bar and lounge open 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Dining weekdays from 6 to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 6 to 11 p.m. Piano Bar Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight, Friday and Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. No dinner is served Sunday.

The Giraffe video bar opened its doors to the public on Dec. 8, 1977. Since then it has been one of the favorite spots on Polk Street, retaining its original atmosphere in a neighborhood that has altered through the years.

The signature of the Giraffe is everywhere, from the miniature awnings behind the large bar and on the front of the cigarette machine to the ceramic giraffes which sit sedately in one corner, their long arched necks and tiny ears attuned to the fun and games which surround them.

The staff of the bar couldn't be friendlier, and they are a treat to behold dressed in their simple "uniform" of beige pants, starched white shirts and ties. Each bartender wears a fresh red rose when on duty. It's a small touch, but it lends class and distinction to what otherwise might be just another drinking spot.

Chuck Enfinger has been behind the bar for six years, and works alongside Charlie Berlanga and Michael Michael Chuck says that Michael takes a lot of kidding about his name. A sense of humor and the camaraderie of friends is important in this atmosphere, and it works well, because the customers keep coming back for more. Those same customers supported Chuck and Michael when they raised \$2,000 riding in the last AIDS Bike-A-Thon.

The bar offers three wellplaced TVs plus a large video screen which show the hundreds of comedy and musical tapes that are played continuously.

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Three pinball machines and two video games are situated two video games are situated throughout the spacious bar. A pool table in the rear has a good view of the crowd, and is reached by stairs leading off the main floor.

Chuck tells us that "we get great women" as well as men in the bar who mix well together. He speaks about owner Carl Youngert and what makes the Giraffe popular. "We make every effort to make everyone feel welcome;" Chuck says. "Most of our customers we're able to welcome by name. It's a great high to work in a bar where people are happy, where the customers and the employ-ees relate to each other so well."

The Giraffe Video Lounge, 1131 Polk Street below Sutter St.(474-1702). Hours: 11:30 am -2 a.m.daily.

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animated Maddalena, while Jeffrey Wells's mucho macho (and extremely resonant) portayal of her murdering brother, Sparafucile, gave new meaning to the phrase "Lick my (knee-high) boots!"

To be honest, the only let-down of the evening was the performance by a much-heralded Italian tenor, Marcello Giordani, whose Duke of Man-tua struck me as being decided-ly provincial and rather carelessly sung. While many people in the business whom I people in the business whom I deeply respect swear by the strength of Giordani's vocal and dramatic potential, I'd feel more comfortable placing my money on a tenor like Fernando de la Mora, who seems to have a lot more on the ball than have a lot more on the ball than Mr. Giordani.

But hey folks. That what makes for horse racing.

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# Stein

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Stein never broke with the conventional pattern of the family life into which she was born, but a lesbian relationship allowed her to play many roles. She was the father whose word was law; she was the baby whose cries must be calmed; and as the responsible head of household, she often indulged in the infantile and irresponsi-ble. . . Alice, the "Mrs.," the wife, the "little Jew," . . . feminized [her] role intensely from her choice of beaded jewelry and lace handkerchiefs, careful manicures, and love of perfumes, to her fondness for rich pastries and sweet desserts.

#### Classic Combination

In many ways the classic butch/femme combination, emotionally and psychological-ly they often disrupted tradi-tional roles, and, as Catharine R. Stimpson notes, although Stein "may have cropped her hair, with Toklas as her barber. . . she wore flowing caftans, brocaded vests and woolen skirts."

Although Stein and Toklas

have been embraced by the popular imagination as perhaps the most famous lesbian couple, Stimpson writes in "The Somagrams of Gertrude Stein" that although "people referred to such 'mannish' characteristics of Stein's as her sensible shoes no one space. sensible shoes, no one spoke openly of her lesbianism until after her death in 1946." Stein's friends protected her privacy, and says Stimpson, "her detractors evidently found the taboo against mentioning lesbianism stronger than their desire to attack?'

Reference to their lesbianism is never mentioned in Gertrude Stein and a Companion, and director Landsberg points out that it is the already assumed context in which the action occurs. They are seen as "breathing sexual beings with a passionate love?"

Landsberg regards the script a "multifaceted crystal" in which each scene reveals a different aspect of the women as individuals and as a couple.

"It shows," she says, "a life behind the legends?" Ultimate-ly, it illustrates how "people do affect change and revolution in art, and that we all have the potential to do so."

A number of films, plays, and books have attempted to

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capture Gertrude and Alice's life together, but Gertrude Stein and a Companion stands out as perhaps the only one in which the two women truly share the stage, and we see their relation-ship as *they*, not other people, saw it. While Stein's literary output is a central topic of the play, literary pretension is avoided. And yet, by play's end, we find out a great deal about these two women that many of us may not have known before. Theirs is a story that refuses to end with their passing from this life.

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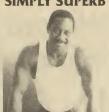


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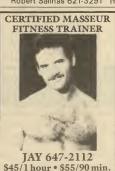
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MR. MAREUS

# Chicago's Touché Bar Destroyed In Weekend Fire

by Mister Marcus

huck Rodocker's Touché Bar in Chicago was totally destroyed in an early morning fire last Saturday, March 3. The Chicago Fire Department ruled out arson and attributed the fire to electrical problems that occurred in trical problems that occurred in a third story storeroom. The fire completely consumed the second and third stories of the predominantly wooden structure and almost totally destroyed the main floor. The almost decade-old leather bar came to a demise after the bar had closed.

The Touché, until a few months ago, was Chicago's only leather bar. In recent months, another leather bar, the AA Meat Packing Co. the AA Meat Packing Co. opened a few short blocks away. The "Double A" as it is referred to by Windy City leather men offered their assistance to Mr. Rodocker in any way they could. At my deadline, it was not determined if the bar would be recogned in time for the In. be reopened in time for the International Mr. Leather Contest weekend on Memorial Day.

The Touché became the pre-The Touche became the premiere and only leather gathering spot in Chicago after the demise of the Gold Coast some years ago. Owner Chuck Rodocker is one of the most respected businessmen in Chicago. His bar hosted leather parties for IML delegates from the beginning. His popularity is parties for IML delegates from the beginning. His popularly is legendary and his civic-mindedness in Chicago's lesbian/gay community is unparalleled. He was known to issue V.I.P. cards to visiting leathermen during IML weekend (Very Important Perverts) for either free or discounted beverages. His generosity with cash and energy for various causes in Chicago is unmatchcauses in Chicago is unmatched and on one of his rare visits to San Francisco several years ago, he was the recipient of an



Grant Dupont won the May 1991 spot on the Bare Chest Calendar last Thursday night. (Photo: Marcus)

autographed book from Mayor Dianne Feinstein because of his fervent fundraising and public service to the City of Chicago.

From across the miles, sympathy messages flowed in as the word spread across the nation; the sorrow at the loss of the Chicago landmark leather bar was loud and strong. But knowing Chuck Rodocker, who has more than once defeated adversity, the consensus is that it will not be long before he is back in business. More than one leather bar has gone on to bigger and better popularity and profit after moving from one location to another.

On the local scene, the Lone Star Saloon which was destroyed in last October's earthquake is scheduled to reopen soon in a new South of Market location according to "informed" sources.



Judges left to right: Jay Smith, Peter Austin, Rod Endert and David Thompson last Thursday at

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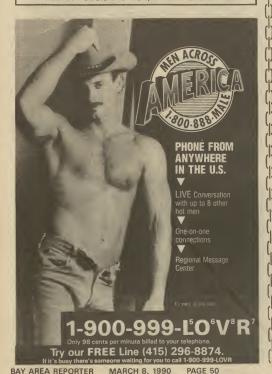


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David Stoll, left, and Terry Thompson of the SF Eagle flash their three Cable Car Awards last Saturday night. (Photo: Marcus)

# Marcus

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There was so much going on in this town last weekend, for a while I thought we were back in busy, busy February. Last Thursday, they picked Mr. May 1991 for the Eagle's Bare Chest Calendar. You never know about fickle people. Last contest when it was raining cats and dogs, the Eagle was packed to the rafters with 9 contestants vying for the calendar spot. Last Thursday, there was a packed house but only three contestants! It was about the first "official" appearance of our Leather Daddy Jay Smith as a judge along with his other half, Rod Endert. Leather Daddy's Boy David Thompson helped judge too, assisted by a few hugs and squeezes from Mr. SF Leather Peter Austin. In spite of his successful and "fun" visit to Sydney for the big gay Mardi Gras celebration, Peter survived all the hoopla (doesn't he always?) and proved to himself that there's no place like home.

When all was said and done, a recent arrival to our community from South Africa, Grant Dupont, took the May '91 spot on the calendar. The first runner-up was Paul John and he was urged to try again. After all, if Chris Minor could go through it three times last year and not win, why not? Fortunately for Chris, he got on the back cover of the calendar for his persistence. By the way, Chris, I have a message for you. It may sound cryptic to us, but the sender says you would understand: "He'll be back from Hawaii before you know it. Just hold it."

The town was overrun with writers and photographers for the big Writer's Conference at the Cathedral Hill Hotel and more than one local dude/dudette made "hay" in spite of the rain. Are you reading this Henry M. and Ann W.?

Friday night the Pendulum Pacers basketball team met their match against the SF Fire Department team. At first glance, you'd expect the younger Pacers to trounce the aging firefighters but in the end, the more experienced team swept the score away. The Pacers play on Friday nights and they would appreciate some fans to encourage their very, very promising team efforts. Call the Pendulum for exact time and location.

sturday night, almost everybody who is anybody were at the Cable Car Awards. So many deserving people won awards by committees and board of directors; they are too numerous to mention here, but some of the ones we were proud to see were Drummer Magazine's public vote winning for Outstanding Poster Design—you remember the one that kept "disappearing" as soon as they were put up—the one with IML Mike Pereyra on it? And finally, after all these years of absolutely superb holiday decorations, the Stud Bargot a board of directors special award. Let's face it. The people who attend the Cable Cars are not regular customers at the Stud and Stud regulars don't go to the Cable Cars to vote. The ever-so-modest Jim Fleckenstein (owner and lovingly known as "Lady Edie") wouldn't let his manager Stanley Walker accept the award, but instead sent Jimmy the bartender up to accept.

The SF Eagle reaped three awards: for Leather & Feathers, for the Connie Francis Look Alike Contest and for their

Christmas Theme Promotion. The competition in all the public voting categories was tremendous! And hey, they're real proud around here at the B.A.R. for Wayne Friday (columnist), Allen White (journalist), John F. Karr (critic), Darlene (photographer) and Richard Burt's Special Award for his AIDS Photo Remembrance last fall. The entertainment was superb and Hank Plante and Ginger Casey were too, too much as the MCs for the second half of the show. Their barbs back and forth were a queen's delight and everybody agrees it was a tie... but Ginger, well...

By Sunday, everybody was kissing goodbye the new "friends" they made from out of town. IML Guy Baldwin was here too and lectured on Saturday afternoon for the QSM series and later hosted the party at The Heat in San Jose. The benefit for S.L.U.G. and IMsL. was very successful and everybody said they had a good time. Sunday night, there was a travel fund benefit soiree for Mr. Baldwin at a private residence. I didn't get an invitation so I



David Thompson, left, Leather Daddy's Boy, with Mr. SF Leather Peter Austin. (Photo: Marcus)

don't know how much the \$25-a-person donation raised or what went on or even where it was held. I did hear there was a decent crowd on hand but some people who did get invited didn't attend because (1) they are definitely not into the leather scene; (2) they don't even know who Guy Baldwin is; (3) they got the invitation too late. So much for social arbiters who think they're running the whole show! I thought leathermer above bitchiness.

Sunday night, the spaghetti feed to benefit IMsL at Amelia's wasn't too well attended, but there were some leather men there to help out. A modest sum was raised. Tickets are now on sale for the IMsL Contest on April 7, so get 'em now as it will most likely be sold out, considering the location this year.

The second half of the Mr. Drummer 1989 Contest video was completed over the weekend and it is definitely one of M.E.N.'s best efforts. You will recall that the first half consists of the contestants' fantasies only. This new second half has all the other highlights including Pamela Stanley, Sluts from Hell, the MCs Mike Murray and Mike Pereyra, the contestants' speeches and their jock appearance, the judges

SoMa siting: Wonder where they're off to?

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and all the hoopla that took place that night. It's \$59.95 available from M.E.N. California tax is \$4.05 and the shipping fee is \$3. Total: \$67 even, from M.E.N., I United Nations Plaza, SF, CA 94102. You can charge to your Visa and Mastercard.

Also, if you didn't order your video copy of Men Behind Bars 5, it just went up to \$49.95 until March 31. After that it will be \$59.95. The Men Behind Bars video is almost completed and will be done by March 31!

### Coming Your Way:

If you're going to be in San Diego or Atlanta this weekend, they're having Leatherfest '90 in both cities from Friday through Sunday and will be picking Mr. Leather of San Diego and Mr. and Ms. Leather in Atlanta. In 'Dago, most of the action is at Wolf's, BULC and The Flame. In Atlanta it all takes place at Backstreet. Call (704) 339-0679 for details. In Atlanta check out the Atlanta Eagle, Bulldogs and Crazy Rays.

Rays.

Around our town, our gay and lesbian basketball teams take on Los Angeles teams. The Pendulum Pacers will also play and the SF Lesbian/Gay "Spirit" Band, the New Hayward Rah-Rahs and the SF Flag Corps will entertain—all at Kezar Pavilion Saturday night, March 10 with ducats at \$7 from Headlines in advance or \$8 at the door. All proceeds benefit Team San Francisco.

After all, we are trying to send 1000 athletes to Gay Games III in Vancouver in August, and it ain't cheap!

Sunday at 50 Otis (\$20) it's a big musical extravaganza with a cast of singers and dancers hosted by Deena Jones and Joe Campanella. For all this with hors d'ouevres, you also get a coupon book with discount tabs—all to benefit Open Hand, Gay Rescue Mission, SFBand Foundation, AIDS Emergency Fund and the Lesbian & Gay Chorus. Sunday afternoon at 1600 hours, Bondage Buddies at a Folsom St. location for \$5 with info on rope bondage, strait jackets and other goodies by Hal & John. Call 621-6294 for details. Also the weekend of March 16-18, it's the Mr. Southwest Drummer Contest at the Bum Steer in Phoenix. Here on this range, they'll be looking for Mr. Cowboy of SF at the California Club, \$6 advance, \$7 at the door.

# IDOL GOSSIP

In an effort to keep Alan Selby's ego happy and satisfied, he wants you all to know that the t-shirt auction at the Powerhouse two weeks ago raised almost \$900 and not almost \$600 as was originally told to me! Thanks Alan. The community is ever indebted to you for all your hard work. You definitely deserve the recognition!

Wild horses couldn't drag it out of me, but it appears as though a rather prominent bar owner and a "guest" at the Cable Car Awards last Saturday night, were, uh, well, "discovered" on the roof of the Giftcenter Pavilion! The security guard was rabidly intent on escorting them both off the premises, but a \$100 "honorarium" from said bar owner squashed that move. Didn't they know about the 4th floor tea room?

Very belated birthday



One of the Arimondi B&W photos that drew raves at his show in Tokyo last month. (Courtesy of Flash Cards)

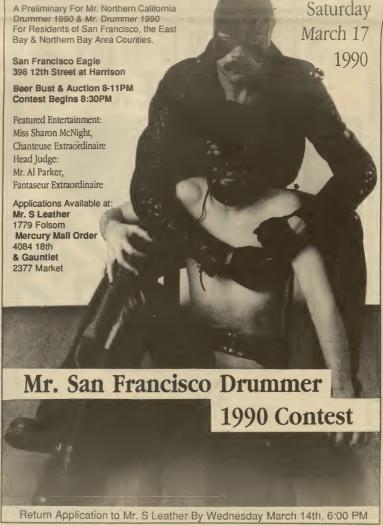
greetings to Sharon Viola at the Eagle who celebrated two Sundays ago and Derek on the next day. Bob Hann managed to snag a neat group of people at Gilmore's just this past Monday night for his 47th. Ernie Viola didn't make either of the three celebrations, but Ernie garners enough "dish" in his absence than most people gather when they are hanging out. By the way Ernie, how's that "butcher" at Safeway on Webster doing these days? Is he still married? Are you?

The deadline for Mr. SF Drummer applications is next

Wednesday, March 14. Application forms are available at Mister S and Mercury Mail Order. I understand the Cal Eagles MC are challenging the other clubs for making a cake for that cake auction and already the Golden Gate Guards and the GDIs have picked up the gauntlet. So has the Imperial Family, who have been known to harbor a few pastry puffs in the past. Contestants are reminded that they are obliged to do a 5-minute fantasy at the contest.

Dan Delbex of the Darmron Guide was in New Orleans recently for Mardi Gras and the local gay business association at their monthly luncheon gave him the Jeanette MacDonald Award for surviving the earthquake. In another area, Terry Thompson had the nerve to show up at the Cable Cars in a—white tuxedo! Bubbles was wearing basic black and pearls after a week of debauchery in New Orleans!

Hey, have a good time this weekend and wherever, whenever and however you do it, make sure you're in leather. So long for awhile... that's all the dish for awhile....



# Ireton Named Man of Year

Bill Ireton of the SFGDIs was named Man of the Year at the 24th and final presentation of the Barbary Coasters' Motorcycle Awards on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Services Union Hall.

Based on Motor Cross scoring, the Bike Rider of the Year was Yoshi Masuda, an independent biker and Jack Goodall of the Golden Gate Guards made it for the second year in a row as the Buddy Rider.

For the first time since their formation, the Cycle Runners MC garnished enough votes for Best Weekend Run of the 1989 season. In accepting the award, president Frank Nacaratto reflected on the founding father of the club Bob Merl, who passed away only a few weeks before the awards ceremony. Bob was a charter member of the club and did not live to see his club win the most coveted award of the biking club community.

The awards were emceed by Lily Street of the GDIs and Steven Rascher, a former emperor, for the first half. The second half was emceed by Gary Kenyon of the Constantines MC and David Stoll, a former Mr. CMC Carnival and the present assistant manager of the SF Eagle. Between awards presentations, nominated single and group musical numbers from both in town and out of town runs were performed.

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After vice president Bruce Harrelson named the Vice Pres-ident Award to Rocky Rock-wood of the Cheaters MC and president Matthew Brown presented the President's Award to Mister Marcus, he announced to a stunned audience that as of that night, the Barbary Coasters MC were disbanding for good, ending a 24-year stint as one of the major bike clubs in San Francisco. Mr. Brown's announcement also stated that the motorcycle awards ceremony had been of-fered to the San Francisco Forum of Bike Clubs to present as a fundraising device if they chose to. Matthew cited a dwindling interest by younger bikers and a lack of participa-tion by their six man club membership.

The winners of awards in all categories are as follows:

Best Open Social Function: Minskys
Best Run Theme: Hawaii, Cycle
Runners MC
Best Non-Bike Competitive Event:
Cycle Runners MC
Best Individual Number/Run Show:
Nobody Makes A Pass At Me
(Steven Rascher)
Best Group Number/Run Show: Cycle Runners Opening Number,
Hawaii

Hawaii Best One Day Run: Bag Lunch Social, SFGDIs Best Food On A Weekend Run: Golden Gate Guards Best Show On A Weekend Run: Cy-cle Runners MC Best Weekend Run: Cycle Runners MC for Hawaii

Best Individual Performance/In Town Show: Take Back Your Mink (Miguel Guiterrez) Best Group Performance/In Town Show: Master of the House Best Group Campsite: SFGDIs/GGG

Run Best Individual Guest Night Per-

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Best Individual Guest Night Performance: 12 Days of Christmas
Best Group Guest Night Performance: 1 Am Telling You/Amazing
Grace, Phoenix Uniform Club
Buddy Motorcycle Event/One Day
Run: Pack Your Bag Lunch,
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Buddy Motorcycle Event/Weekend
Run: Snowball, SFGDIs
Rider Motorcycle Event/One Day
Run: Pack Your Bag Lunch,
SFGDIs
Rider Motorcycle Event/One Day
Run: Enduro/Cycle Runners MC
Best Motorcycle Field Events/One
Day Run: Constantines MC
Buddy Rider of the Year: Jack
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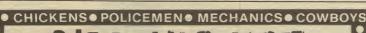
Man of the Year: Bill Ireton, SFGDIs

On Friday night, preceding the awards, the Constantines MC staged their annual Mix & Match Beer Bust at the SF Eagle. Immediately following the ceremonies on Saturday night, the GDIs sponsored the Winners Circle party also at the Eagle.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, the Golden Gate Guards hosted a victory brunch at the Galleon Bar and Restaurant, drawing to a close the weekend.







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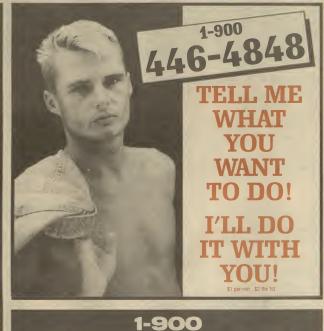
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# Mr. SF Drummer to be Chosen This Saturday

by Mister Marcus

You have to be completely out of it not to notice that a lot of leather men in our community are looking "extra good" these days. What with the Mr. Eagle Leather and Mr. Bear Leather contests already in progress and the Mr. Watering Hole Leather competition beginning on April 4, they're all looking toward Chicago for the Intl. Mr. Leather competition on Memorial Day weekend.

And while all this is going ou have to be completely

And while all this is going on, the march toward the Mr. on, the march toward the Mr. Drummer title takes place this weekend not only here in San Francisco, but in Phoenix, where they'll be picking the second Mr. Southwest Drummer at the Bum Steer. I'll be co-Mcling the event with IML '88 Miles Pearse these." Mike Pereyra there.

Mike Pereyra there.

Here on our turf, thanks to Doug Deal and the Mister S Company, they'll be picking Mr. San Francisco Drummer, Saturday, March 17 at the SF-Eagle. Al Parker, Peter Austin, Fred Rudiger, Jim Ward and Rick Booth are the judges. Sharon McNight flies in from Los Angeles to co-MC with Zach Long and I suspect she'll be warbling a few tunes as be warbling a few tunes as

Already the GDIs, Cheaters MC, Constantines MC, Forum MC, Constantines MC, Forum of SF, Golden Gate Guards and the Imperial Family Board are preparing scrumptious cakes which will be auctioned off; the Cake Gallery is donating the Cake Gallery is donating one too and a special one shaped in the image of Al Parker's considerable appendage will be given away for a "special treat." The admission price for the beer bust is \$8 which begins at 2000 hours; the contest begins at 2000. The encontest begins at 20030. The entire proceeds will benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund and the Rita Rockett Foundation

for Sunday brunches for pa-tients at SF General. Doug Deal and Mister S Co. are underwriting the whole thing so the entire proceeds will go to the beneficiaries. I hope you all have a good time. Since I'll be in Phoenix, B.A.R. staff photographer Rick Gerharter will capture it all on film for next week's edition.



Darrell "Cub" Haven

Last Wednesday, March 7 and again last night, the first two heats of the Mr. SF-Eagle Leather contest got under way. Leather contest got under way. There were four contestants for the first heat and judges Mr. SF Leather Peter Austin, Ms. SF Leather Corky D. and former IML Colt Thomas didn't find it an easy task. At the Eagle, the winner and runner-up each Wednesday (the next one is on Mar. 21) will compete—six in all—on Wed., March 28 for the title and represent the bar at the Mr. SF Leather contest on May 12. Leather contest on May 12. This could lead to a trip to Chicago on Memorial Day weekend, as well.

Method as well.

At the Bear on Castro last
Thursday, March 8, there were
three contestants put through
the paces by again Corky D.
and Ken Horan. The Trusted
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brigade) were there in full
force to cheer their contestant

At the Eagle, the winner was 22-year old Joe "Tripper" Hollinger and the runner-up was 42-year old David Welch. The contest was conducted in a business-like manner (serious!) but with a lot of humor thrown in to ease the nervousness.

At the Bear, the winner was Darrell "Cub" Haven, owner of one of the most beautiful pair of legs in the world. Besides his leathery proclivities, Dar-rell is a hot shot on the bowling lanes too and is active in the lanes too and is active in the SF chapter of the National Leather Association—all plusses! The Bear's second heat is tonight, March 15, starting at 2100. The finals are on Thursday, March 28 and Serena is doing a good job MCing the event. Out of the three semifinalists at the Bear three semi-finalists at the Bear,

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Gay Men's Chorus serenades troops at Eagle beer bust

# Marcus

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only one person will represent that bar in the Mr. SF Leather contest. Only one contestant will represent the Watering Hole too. I understand there may be an entrant from the Mint (!) and the Detour as well.

It was fun this past week. Saturday night, a Los Angeles lesbian basketball team played our SF Slammers and our men (the Hotshots) played what was billed as a Los Angeles team, but was, in fact from Long Beach (the Long Beach Lancers). Well... Long Beach is in Los Angeles County.

This encounter was suppos ed to be a "preview" of the big battle between the four teams in Vancouver at Gay Games III next August—does this mean no other teams from around the world will be playing?

As it turned out, our women beat the L.A. team by only one point. The men beat the Long Beach team 54-42, but the Hot Beach team 54-42, but the Hot Shots were hard-pressed to make that victory. Despite what some so-called experts think, our hoopsters will not have an easy time in Vancouver. On Sunday, March 11, the Lancers played the Pendulum Pagers one of the hest dulum Pacers, one of the best teams in the SF Bay Area, and lost that game by only one point (74-73). Is there something strange with this picture?

The Sisters of PI, Inc., game was a benefit for Team San Francisco. Gail Wilson flawlessly warbled the national anthem, the tremendously talented "Rainbeau" entertained during the intermission, followed by the Flag Corps and the new Hayward Rah Rahs did a bit of flouncing about. The "Spirit" Marching Band performed well under the masterful baton of Wayne Love and kudos galore for a fun night. Thanks to all 700 of you who were there to support our athletes!

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Sunday dawned rainy, but by "beer bust" time, the sun was shining out over a windy and chilly day. Even Ernie Viola managed to rip off his cocoon and ventured out to join the big turnout for the Gay Men's Chorus beer bust at the Eagle. Was it packed? Was Pocahantas an American Indian? Even those two Oakland cuties, Larry Barao and Gary Hackett braved the elements cuties, Larry Barao and Gary Hackett braved the elements to revel in the ravenous atmosphere. Gary Garrison proved to be an amiable MC for the group and they serenaded the "troops"—thankfully, it didn't rain anymore, although there were a few full moon transcreents have income from dudes. vagrants bugging a few dudes.

This coming weekend should be busy for everyone. The main event, of course, is the Mr. San Francisco Drummer contest at the co Drummer contest at the Eagle on Saturday night. Colossus is having their big "Green Party" (it is St. Patrick's Day, after all!) at 1015 Folsom featuring either a "storm" of jocks, or a jock named "Storm" (the press release wren't with clear). Also, a Tag. wasn't quite clear). Also a Tag Team Green Jello Wrestling bout and the Lair of the Green

Worm. Gus Bean, you're too much! The doors to this "jad-ed" event open at 2130. Get there early or stand in line forever.

Also on Saturday, Ms. Also on Saturday, Ms.
Rainbeau stars in the
Outrageous Leather GenderBender Show at Amelia's Penthouse. The action there
begins at 2000 and there's a \$6 cover. You know Ms. Rainbeau puts on a good show and you always get your money's worth. Even Delightful Desiree will be in this production
—don't miss it!

They're having an art show at the Central YMCA (220 Golden Gate Ave.) for the Larkin St. Youth Center—the opening is tonight, March 15 until the 21.

On Sunday, the GDIs (presi-On Sunday, the GDIs (president: Jim Leuer) are having their annual Spring Equinox beer bust at the Eagle from 1500-1800 for only \$7. And speaking of the GDIs, I didn't know Glenn "Glenda" Tomblin, the corresponding secretary was in cahoots with Sweet Lips!

Future events you might want to plan on attending/sup-porting: AIDS Emergency Fund Kick-Off Dinner, March 24 at Bimbo's and introducing the two new co-chairs: Jim Baroni and Samantha Samuels. Tickets are \$60. The AEF's goal for 1990 is \$900,000 so let's get busy and help them reach it. This Saturday night too, they're picking Mr. SF they're picking Mr. SF Cowboy at the California Club beginning at 1930; tickets are advance, \$7 at the door.



LA and SF basketball teams pose together at Kezar.

Club MUD up at the RushRiv is gearing up for their big Mud Fest '90 on Saturday, May 12th. Brother Duke informs me that they're also planning a women's and a coed mud event (not at the same time) later this year. Believe it or not, there's a lot of interest in having fun in the mud and Club MUD has already been featured in two important TV segments! If you want to know more about Club MUD, write to them at: PO Box 277, Rio Nido, CA 95471. If you need the info faster, call Bro. Duke at (707) 869-0546.

The "official" cast party for all the stars of *Men Behind Bars V* is on Friday, March 23 at the SF-Eagle. The M.E.N. video of the whole show will be premiered at that time and it (the video) will be showing on all five screens. The proceeds of MBB-V will also be distributed to the stated beneficiaries that night too. The "private" video shots taken by Phil Tuggle backstage throughout MBB weekend will also be shown, so if you were doing anything naughty, it just might be onscreen that night! Are you reading this Nello Carlini?

On April 5 is the Fetish &

On April 5 is the Fetish & Fantasy Masked Ball at Dreamland. My favorite and your favorite DJ Joshua Persky will provide the music; a new dance group, Triad, will perform in between bondage demonstrations by "experts" with prizes for best costume/best mask. Oh gosh! This is all being done by Alan Selby, repeat, Alan Selby—and he promises "much, much, much more" than is listed on the flyer. This event is in conjunction with the Intl. Ms. Leather Contest on Saturday, April 7 at the California Club. Call (415) 626-6103 for your tickets. The California Club may prove to be too small for this major event and it will be packed!

Ms. Rainbeau (Photo: Allen Nomura)

Hey, the next Natl. Leather Ass'n/Bay Area meeting is on March 27 (Tuesday) at Amelia's Penthouse. Come and meet their new officers: Steve Patten and Shannon Garcia co-chairs; Membership Chair Fred Rudiger; Treasurer Alan Smart; Corresponding Sec'y Wayne Franks; Recording Sec'y "Puppy" [does this man have a "real" name?]; and three members at large: Don Thompson, Darrell Haven and J.C. Collins. I don't know if this organization is still headquartered in the East Bay or not.

# THE DISH-A-HOLIC RIDES AGAIN

How rude! In all the hoopla of the Cable Car Awards, somebody forgot to give credit to David Starr, who, when you get right down to it, was the person responsible for getting Connie Francis to the Eagle for that award-winning Look-Alike Contest. He also managed to get the blow-up photos of La Francis that raised so much dough that day. Thank you David—you are a real sweetheart and we (the community) really appreciate what you did on that fun, fun day!

Late Flash! The Cream Sisters (Jolene, Albolene and Porcelana) will definitely be performing at the Mr. South of Market Contest on April 1!

If you caught the item last week about the bar owner and the boy caught on the roof of the Giftcenter Pavilion during the Cable Car Awards, you didn't read it right. I said it was a bar owner that tried to give the security guard a \$100 "honorarium" so as not to get escorted "out." Terry Thompson, Ed Gabet, Vern Stewart and Stanley Walker are not bar owners. They're all bar managers. And Allen White doesn't work in a bar, and neither does Michael Valerio—so it wasn't them either! And no, I still haven't found out who the bar owner is/was. I refuse to pay my informant \$100 to find out!

Well, a lot of our guys were in New Orleans for Mardi Gras and they are all gushing about the big Lords of Leather Krewe Ball. Al Kohner and Budd Smith always score big at this event. Their award-winning costumes this year were entitled: "Safe Sex Wedding Party" and consisted of four dudes in tuxedoes accompanied by four of those blow-up female dolls in appropriate bridal gowns! At the Lords of Leather Ball, Budd was picked as the official escort for the Consort of the Lords of Leather King who was just one gorgeous version of King Tut. As for Budd, he always looks good when he's half-dressed. Al and Budd have fun wherever they go and are outstanding representatives for San Francisco around the world.

Hey boys and girls, have a wonderful weekend. Be sure to attend the Mr. SF Drummer Contest on Saturday night. I'll see you all next week with the latest dish from around here and wherever it flows in from. In the meantime, whether you're dishing, dashing, 'doing,' dumping or digging, make sure you're in leather while you're doing it!



SF's award-winning Safe Sex Wedding Party won a prize at the Lords of Leather Ball in New Orleans Mardi Gras celebration. (Photo. Courtesy L of L)



SF's Budd Smith escorted the Lords of Leather Krewe Consort at the Leather Ball in New Orleans Mardi Gras.



# Feelings That He Might Be Gay

by Mark Johnson

Fratrimony Released by: All Worlds Video Produced by: Dirk Yates Written & directed by: Jerry Douglas Cast: Tim Lowe, Butch Taylor

Brotherly love is the subject of this two-man effort starring
Tim Lowe as Gary and Butch
Taylor as his older brother
Steve. During the summer
before joining Steve at college, Gary is having feelings that he might be gay, and it's getting harder and harder to suppress his feelings for Steve

Though Steve is seeing a girlfriend, she isn't exactly what you'd call "easy," and this sets up a frustrating situation sets up a frustrating situation that makes bro' receptive to Gary's suggestions. Although Steve fights his feelings as hard as he can, the two eventually wind up moving from "just playing around" to full-fledged incest.

This film give both Tim

Lowe and Butch Taylor a real chance to act, and both do a fine job. If you've seen Butch fine job. If you've seen Butch Taylor in as many films as I have, you may have a hard time believing that he has great objections to sexual relations with Tim Lowe. Hopefully you haven't, and it's jus a hazard of the job for me. I was extremely impressed with Tim Lowe's portrayal of a young man in search of his sexual identity.

If you're more concerned with numbers than the quality and the emotional foundation of sex, you may be disappointed that the film features only these two models. I find the development of the rela-tionship between Gary and Steve one of the fresher ap-proaches to male porn in awhile.

The settings, sound and videography are all first rate. Jerry Douglas has written and directed this film with great care and attention.

Paradise Beach Released by: Vivid Video Written, produced & directed by: Jim West

Jim West
Cast: Tom Rucker, Adam Grant,
Chris Stone, Jake Coletti, Jon
Vincent, Paul Duran, Pierce
Daniels, Michael Spector

Jim West has put together a fine cast and an interesting storyline in *Paradise Beach*. Unfortunately, this film never rides the wave all the way to the beach.

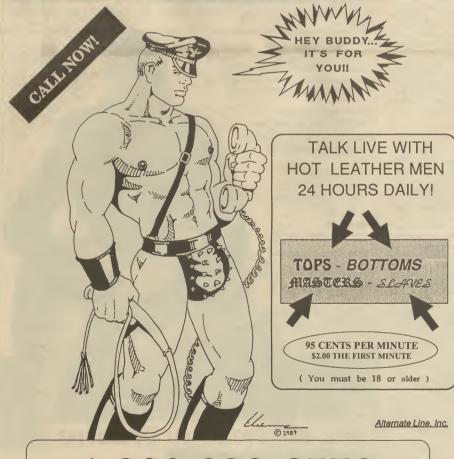
Tom Rucker is leaving for a week's vacation on a tropical island. He calls a cab to run a couple of errands and drop him at the airport, and as luck would have it, his driver is Adam Grant.

The first scene involves Tom's fantasy of what it will be like making love on the beach. Chris Stone is attractive in this mutual masurbation encounter.

Tom stops by a store to pick up a bathing suit that he's







1-900-999-6576 1-900-999-OK-SM ordered for the trip and comes upon Jon Vincent and Paul Duran in the changing room. This scene exhibits more sound than fury.

The next stop is Tom's travel agent's house to pick up his ticket, where Tom discovers Pierce Daniels and Michael Spector in the tub. Pierce is Spector in the tub. Pierce is looking very good after all this time, and the scene is a great example of Jim West's film artistry. This is by far the best scene in the film.

What we now find out is that the proceedings to date have been a fantasy in Tom's unconscious mind. He's actually been hit by the cab while waiting in the street and had waiting in the street and had been knocked out. Being the gentleman he is, Adam taks Tom up to his apartment and does all he can to make up for Tom's missed vacation. I've seen both Tom and Adam more energetic and enthusiastic than here.

I Do Released by: Jocks Produced by: Mark Reynolds Directed by: Steve Scott Cast: Andy Fuller, Steve Collins, Beau Matthews, Tim Kramer

On the eve of their wedding Steve and Cathy can't wait another minute. All the another minute. All the waiting and pent-up energy makes the sound of their lovemaking so loud that they wake up the best man, Dean, who is spending the night. While Dean watches and beats off, Cathy's brother, Bobby, who is also spending the night, watches Dean watches Dean.

I guess Cathy's brother wants to make sure Steve is the right man for his sister, be-cause he sends Steve to his haircutter for a trim and a hot blow job in the barber's chair.

Bobby is trying to reach the wedding's limo driver, but that guy's busy in the back seat with another driver, so Bobby pays a visit to the caterer, Tim Kramer. In this commercial kitchen we get the best en-counter of the film. Tim Kramer and Jeff Carson are perfectly suited, and Tim proves he can do more than

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# Corned Beef Weekend

Belated birthday and anniversary greetings to David and Bill on their 20th at last Sunday's party at the Gate Restaurant that went on for hours. They also own and run the Union Jack at 950 Leavenworth, just off Pine. And a nice welcome to their guests from Merrie Olde England, who are now in Palm Springs. Hope you all like the weather, Armin, Alfie and Peter.

A special memo to one of the B.A.R.'s faithful readers in Florida: Hi to Wilson in Tampa, and, yes, Helen is just fine and we are not mad at each other. Remember that you

other. Remember that you read it here.
Oy, it's St. Patty's Day at the Cinch, Saturday, March 17. At 6 p.m. it's the Corned Beef and Cabbage Gaelic Buffet, and from 9:30 on, the popular Gail Smith Show, so be sure to mark this evening on your calendar, all of you little Colleens—you too, Greta Grass.
Kimo's Penthouse: Mother is

Kimo's Penthouse: Mother is back every Thursday evening featuring music of the swinging 30s, jazz 40s and big band 50s. So come on down and have fun with Mother from 7 p.m. till midnight on Thursdays

Sunday afternoon, March 18 from 3 till 6 at the SF-Eagle, the GDI's will be having their

annual Equinox Beer Bash for only \$7, so come on down and join Glenn Tomblin and the gang for a fun-filled day...right, David Stoll?

Please join Jackie, Tony and Ron and of course, yours truly, on Friday, March 16 from 5 till 8 p.m. at the popular Yacht Club for a St. Patty's Day Party. There'll be a do-it-yourself corned beef sandwich with all of the trimmings. And of course, some special drink prices for all during that time slot. So come on down and join in the festivities to start the great Irish weekend. And yes, 'me Sainted Mother's maiden name was Healy', so I am half Irish.

Yes it is true the one and only Eternal Flame is on the plank at the New Hob Nob on Tuesday mornings from 6 till noon and Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. till 2. And you know she'll be giving all of the dirt that Greta has forgotten. I understand that Empress Maxine is going to take gossip lessons from Flame.

Yes, that is the reigning Empress Marlena on the plank at Kimo's on Sundays during the day. And of course you'll find her at different spots, mainly at the Mint at other times. A girl has to live and eat. You do know that don't you Greta

Grass?

On Saturday, March 24 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. the popular New Belle Saloon on Polk Street will be having a Bon Voyage party for a group of 12 people who are taking the very popular RSVP Cruise to the Mexican Riviera. Both Russ and Totie invite you to join them and their friends for the pre-sailing party. It should be a lot of fun.

On Saturday, March 17, the New Hob Nob will be having a celebration from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with that "ya hear me?" Ronnie Lynn and Hal Weber as hostess and host. So do join them in the festivities and yes, there will be corned beef sandwiches and all of the trimmings.

Well, it is that time again. On Friday, March 23 from 5 till?? the Yacht Club will be hosting a birthday bash, her 43rd, for that popular Dolly Dale. So you all come on down and join in the festivities as the King and Queen of the Polk Gulch Saloon, Dennis and Jackie will be doing the honors along with Tony and yours truly. Forty-three? Gosh, Dolly, you must have been way underage when I hired you years ago out of Houston, Texas!

Don't tell me it isn't a small world! David Hamilton aka—Mame of Portland, was in New Orleans for Mardi Gras and sitting at the same table, after about ten minutes, he



How can you say that Sweet Lips was never young, Greta Grass?

discovered an old and dear friend from San Francisco; yes, it was Mark Abramson, the co-producer of Men Behind Bars, and of course, Mame had been sitting there raving about how wonderful this year's show was. Nice to have seen you at The Special the other day, Mark.

Thank you Gary MacGowan of the White Swallow on Polk Street for the ride home the other day from the flower market. It was nice to dish all the dirt with you. Don't forget, we are going to have lunch soon! No cockatils.

Well, there is going to be a Very Special Auction: At the Cinch at 8 p.m. till ?? on Wednesday, April 4. This is a benefit for two of our popular bartenders in the city: Mr. Rome Pardy and Mr. Dick "Ms. Minnie" Gersbach. They are both quite ill and in need, and I for one remember all the fine things they did through-

out the years for needy people. So, donations for this auction will be accepted at the Cinch, Hobnob and the Yacht Club.

Richard and Mario have graciously allowed the Cinch to be the base as it is centrally located on Polk Street and is large enough to hold a good crowd. There will be special guest auctioneers and it promises to be an interesting evening. Please mark Wednesday, April 4 on you calendar. For more info, contact Richard and Mario at the Cinch or Greta Grass or Tony Lasagna at the Yacht Club.



# Erasure

(Continued from page 40)

Wars, part prehistoric landing, part Amazon jungle, with tons of fog, the stage was one heck of a backdrop.

For two hours, Erasure ran nonstop through the majority of their four-album repertoire of songs, including everything from the current Wildl LP. Vince Clarke created the band's musical signature. Previously, Clarke put his stamp on works with **Depeche Mode**, and later as half of the group **Yazz**, which featured **Alison Moyet** on vocals.

All of the music for Tuesday's performance was stored electronically on Clarke's keyboard. As it played back, Clarke would finger accenting chords here and there, or he would occasionally strum a few chords on guitar in accompaniment.

You might think a two-man band would lack presence in a live setting, but you'd be entirely wrong. Bell is a true showman. His stage persona and antics easily compensate for the paucity of company. Had there been a power failure, his traipsing and vamping would have kept the crowd in stitches anyway.

After each song, Bell would make comments to this

predominantly straight crowd that expressed his gay pride. The crowd roared back a resounding acknowledgment of acceptance each and every time. Whether the group was singing "Paper Roses" in tribute to **Donny and Marie Osmond**, or Bell was updating a **Doris Day** trademark that he retitled as, "Gay Sera Sera," this crowd couldn't get enough.

Backing Bell on vocals were two female singers. Also sharing the stage were two male dancers dressed in matching spandex outfits. It is most satisfying to see an established group such as this enjoying the benefits of international stardom.

From the very start Erasure never compromised their sexuality out of fear of alienating their audience. Erasure has proven that in the end, as far as the fans were concerned, it's the music that matters. Major applause to Sire/Warner Bros. records for not giving Erasure any special treatment, but instead for backing them with the same 100 percent support they give all their artists.

Baby Ford, an up-andcoming new talent was the scheduled opener for Erasure, however he was unable to perform because of technical difficulties with one of his computers.



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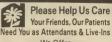
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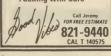
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